

METROPOLITAN STATE COLLEGE *of* DENVER

Academic and Student Affairs Committee

Wednesday, September 7, 2011

2:30-3:30 p.m.

Tivoli 329

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:50 p.m.

Board of Trustees Present:

Committee: Trustee Michelle Lucero, Trustee Melody Harris, Trustee Terrance Carroll, Faculty Trustee David Kottensette, Student Trustee Jacob Labure.

Other Board Members: Rob Cohen, William Hanzlik, Ellen Robinson

Metro State Personnel Present:

Stephen Jordan, President; Vicki Golich, Provost & Vice President for Academic & Student Affairs; Natalie Lutes, Vice President, Finance & Administration; Carrie Besnette Hauser, Vice President, Institutional Advancement; Sheila Thompson, Associate Vice President, Academic & Student Affairs; Luis Torres, Deputy Provost, Judi Diaz Bonacquisti, Associate Vice President, Academic & Student Affairs; Loretta Martinez, General Counsel; Joan L. Foster, Dean, School of Letters, Arts & Sciences; Sandra Haynes, Dean, School of Professional Studies; Kathy Heyl, Associate Dean, School of Professional Studies; Ann Murphy, Dean, School of Business; Linda Lang-Peralta, Associate Dean, School of Letters, Arts & Sciences; James Lyall, Chief Information Office, Associate Vice President, Academic Computing; Cathy Lucas, Associate Vice President, Communications & Advancement; Gwendolyn Mami, Executive Director, Sponsored Research & Programs; Carol Svendsen, Assistant Vice President, Extended Campus; Nicole Taylor, Paralegal to General Counsel & Assistant Secretary to the Board of Trustees, Ann Sanders, Executive Assistant to the Provost and others.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of May 18 Academic & Student Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes

- The May 18, 2011 minutes were unanimously approved.

III. ACTION ITEMS

A. One World, One Water Center (OWOW) – Carrie Besnette Hauser & Vicki Golich

- Thanks were extended to Dean Sandra Haynes and Susan Noble who developed the relationship with the donor. The donor was very impressed with the faculty that participated. Additional thanks to Carrie Besnette Hauser and Greg Geisler for the work putting together the grant. The donor was identified and cultivated when Metro State received a significant piece of art work for display on campus. She is very interested in the academic component of the grant.
- This grant is a five year pilot project called One World, One Water (OWOW) and it will serve three major functions designed to strengthen students' understanding of water: 1) Water as a wonderful resource; 2) The proposed minor will compliment other majors as an interdisciplinary minor, and 3) It will address creative and innovate ways to promote water conservation.

- The curriculum for the minor has not been established, but the majority of the proposed courses already exist. The coordinator that will be hired will help create the interdisciplinary minor.
- The University of Northern Colorado (UNC) currently offers a water program; however, the focus of the OWOW program will focus on urban water stewardship. There is a possibility of collaborating with UNC in the future. There will be a co-curricular piece to the program that will include speakers and field trips. It is critically important to the donor to enhance the stewardship piece for all the students on the Auraria Campus. The budget was built in a way that more of the resources will be received from the donor in the beginning of the program to demonstrate our ability to sustain the program.
- Public grants have been researched and the Office of Sponsored Research and Projects has identified potential funding through the National Science Foundation and the Department of Education.
- The committee discussed the amount of money that the college will be responsible for funding the program by the end of the five-year period. Some of the money required will be through in-kind donation, and other funding will come from grants. The funding for the sixth and seventh year donations were a conservative estimate given the interest in water resources and stewardship at this time.
- Dr. Jordan pointed out that our geographical location, with the Platte River and Cherry Creek nearby, provides an excellent location for the new center. We are picking an area where there is strong interest and ability to deliver. Donors are looking for opportunities to donate and receive something back. This center allows the donor to see that we have the capacity and interest to make this happen. We are currently the only institution focusing on Stewardship.
- There is a need in the community and an interest among the students. There is a strong interest in environmental science on campus. Minors are required at Metro and this interdisciplinary minor fits well with all majors. The Center for Innovation is an example of creating an interdisciplinary curriculum utilizing entrepreneurship. This center will provide the same opportunities for the students.
- The project started with the donation of a sculpture and a donor that wanted an educational component. We have a unique niche in what we can offer to the community and students. The minor fits with the state of the art pedagogy to have the students engaged with water. The center would give everyone the opportunity to learn about water and its importance. Colorado is celebrating water in 2012 and people across the state are getting involved. Since it is designed for every major, there will not be a problem attracting students. We are committed to bringing the personnel cost into the base budget.
- The students on campus already have taken a strong leadership in sustainability through the upgraded water fountains and low flush toilets. There program will not have a single focus, which will allow for long term possibilities.
- A center/institute policy is being addressed by the Infrastructure Committee so that there will be a framework for describing the function of an institute inside an institution. The committee discussed the budget and how much money will be required to sustain the program.
 - **It was moved by Trustee Carroll, seconded by Faculty Trustee Kottensette to recommend approval of the establishment of the *One World, One Water Center for Urban Water Education and Stewardship*. Unanimous.**

B. Financial Exigency Committee Membership – Handbook Change – Vicki Golich

- The Financial Exigency Committee Membership Handbook change has gone through all the approval levels to date. To develop the financial accountability plan last year, the existing

committee was expanded because the legislature needed information that dealt with the entire campus.

- The way the original Exigency committee was set up, they could only identify academic programs. Having the expanded membership will allow the committee to put together a plan that can identify all programs and services and allow input from the programs involved. The committee believes that all programs should be reviewed, not just academic programs.
- It should be pointed out that there are members of the faculty who feel that their voice will be diluted by adding a department chair to the committee. The committee felt that the view of department chairs are critical to how the plan would be implemented. Also included is an Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs who has accreditation responsibilities. This is important because understanding the impact of regional and program accreditation will be critical. There will also be additional representation from senior leadership positions; any exigency strategy will apply to everybody, not just a single element.
- Dean Joan Foster, as a representative of the committee that worked on the original policy, spoke in favor of the changes.
 - **Moved by Faculty Trustee Kottensette, seconded by Trustee Harris, it was moved to recommend approval of the Financial Exigency Membership Handbook change. – Unanimous.**

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Nursing Program Accreditation – Sandra Haynes

- Last year the nursing program came up for accreditation review and the results were not very positive. Of the six standards, the program was lacking in four so the program was put on warning. The purpose of this agenda item is to update the Board on what has been done on correcting the issue and the progress that has been made so far.
- The first standard was related to our mission; the program did not have a doctorally prepared chair, which has since been hired. In fact, the team was told that the chair had already been hired, but it was reported anyway. The second issue was concerning the standard that 25% of the teaching staff must have doctorates. Currently, the program has 43% of the professors with doctorates. The next issue concerned the curriculum and the department has worked diligently to improve the standards as far as assessing the curriculum, rewriting the student manual, incorporating student standards and mapping curriculum to professional standards. The final citation was in regards to the assessment findings and collecting data in a more systematic way. The Board of Nursing has asked to be informed on the department's progress, quarterly reports required. A consultant has been hired to help with the process; she is an evaluator for NLMAC and comes highly recommended. Dean Haynes informed the Trustees that Metro students have a 100% pass rate for the national test; there are 36 graduates per cohort.

V. REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Due to timing issues, the agenda items IV. B. First Year Success Update and IV. C. Move to Neighborhood – Course Scheduling Rooming Efforts will be presented at the next meeting.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned 3:50 p.m.