



ASA Committee Members

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**METROPOLITAN STATE UNIVERSITY of DENVER  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

*Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes*

Thursday, January 18, 2024  
3:15 p.m. – 4:58 p.m.

Jordan Student Success Building  
890 Auraria Pkwy., Room 400 (*University Advancement Boardroom*)

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Kristin Hultquist called the ASA Committee meeting to order.

**Board of Trustees Present:** Chair & Trustee Kristin Hultquist, Trustee Emily Garnett, Trustee Russell Noles, Trustee Jerry Glick, Trustee Jim Qualteri, Trustee Olivia Mendoza, Faculty Trustee Ann Obermann, and Student Trustee Michael Warner

*Absent:* Trustee Marissa Molina

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A.** Approval of September 21, 2023, Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes. It was **moved by** Trustee Glick and **seconded by** Trustee Garnett to recommend approval of the meeting minutes. The motion was **approved unanimously**.

**III. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**A.** Faculty Workload Update: Process and Timeline – *Marie Mora, Interim Provost*

Interim Provost Mora provided a short update on Faculty Workload regarding Fall 2023 Actions as well as Spring 2024 Plans and Timeline.

Chair Hultquist invited Faculty Trustee Obermann to share her comments, who spoke briefly.

**B.** Program Review – *Shaun Schafer, Interim Deputy Provost; AVP, Curriculum, Academic effectiveness, & Policy Development*

Dr. Schafer explained MSU Denver's Academic Review process.

He then provided highlights of the programs which underwent the Program Review process during the 2022-2023 academic year:

- Advanced Manufacturing Institute
- Chemistry and Biochemistry.
  - Questions were posed by Trustee Glick, Board Chair Hultquist, and Faculty Trustee Obermann.
- Theatre and Dance
  - A question was posed by Student Trustee Warner.
- School of Education
- School of Hospitality

- Center for Individualized Learning
  - A question was posted by Trustee Glick.

Dr. Schafer asked the Trustees if could present at the *June 2024* Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting to provide the results of 2023-2024 academic year Program Review reports, with the intention, going forward, to have Program Review be annually on the agenda each June for the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting. Various Trustees indicated their consent via head nods.

Dr. Schafer then listed the names of the departments that will be discussed at the June 2024 Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting.

#### IV. ACTION ITEMS

##### A. Approval of New Programs: Majors, Minors, Concentrations & Certificates – *Shaun Schafer, Interim Deputy Provost; AVP, Curriculum, Academic Effectiveness, & Policy Development*

Dr. Schafer presented a snapshot of each of the following nine programs:

1. Accelerated BS to MS Concentration, Nutrition and Dietetics Major, College of Health and Human Sciences
2. American Chemical Society Post-Baccalaureate Bridge Program (ACS-BP), College of Letters, Arts and Sciences
3. Chemical Industry, National, and Government Laboratory Post-Baccalaureate Bridge Program (ING-BP), College of Letters, Arts and Sciences
4. Asian Studies Minor, College of Letters, Arts and Sciences
5. Culinary Nutrition Certificate, School of Hospitality
6. Data Science and Machine Learning Major, B.S., College of Aerospace, Computing, Engineering, and Design
7. Didactic Program in Dietetics Post-Baccalaureate Certificate, College of Health and Human Sciences
8. Dietetics Concentration and General Nutrition Concentration, Master of Science in Nutrition, College of Health and Human Sciences
9. Economics Major, B.S., College of Business

No questions were posed by the Trustees.

It was **moved by** Trustee Glick and **seconded by** Trustee Noles to recommend approval of all nine programs. The motion was **approved unanimously**.

##### B. Approval of Discontinued Programs – *Shaun Schafer, Interim Deputy Provost; AVP, Curriculum, Academic Effectiveness, & Policy Development*

Dr. Schafer provided background for each of the following six programs:

1. Assorted Concentrations, Human Services Major, B.S., College of Health and Human Sciences
2. Assorted Concentrations, Management Major, B.S., College of Business
3. K-12 Music Licensure: Post-Baccalaureate Program, School of Education

For the first three programs presented (bullets 1., 2., and 3. above), it was **moved by** Trustee Glick and **seconded by** Trustee Mendoza to recommend the discontinuation of three of these programs. The motion was **approved unanimously**.

4. Sustainable Systems Engineering Major, B.S., College of Aerospace, Computing, Engineering and Design

- a. Discussion ensued with comments and questions from Faculty Trustee Obermann, President Davidson, President of Faculty Senate Liz Goodnick, Trustee Noles, and Dean Jeff Newcomer
  - b. *The discontinuation of the Sustainable Systems Engineering Program was approved separately by the Trustees, given the nuances of the program and process.* It was **moved** by Trustee Glick and **seconded** by Trustee Mendoza. The motion was approved **unanimously**.
5. Outdoor Recreation and Tourism Management Concentration, Hospitality Leadership Major, B.S., School of Hospitality
  6. Outdoor Recreation and Adventure Tourism Certificate, School of Hospitality
    - a. For the Outdoor Recreation Program (bullets 5. and 6. above), discussion ensued with comments and questions from Faculty Trustee Obermann, President of Faculty Senate Liz Goodnick, Interim Dean Annie Butler, Trustee Mendoza, and Interim Provost Mora.
    - b. *The discontinuation of the Outdoor Recreation Program was approved separately by the Trustees, given the nuances of the program and process.* It was **moved** by Trustee Glick and **seconded** by Trustee Mendoza. The motion was approved **unanimously**.

Upon completion of the voting, further discussion occurred, by Trustee Noles, Board Chair Hultquist, Interim Dean Butler, Dr. Goodnick, Dean Newcomer, and Interim Provost Mora.

## V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Disaggregated Data Dive – *Meredith Jeffers, Director of University Strategy, Buffy Ribble, Interim Director of Data & Analytics*

Drs. Jeffers and Ribble presented a detailed overview of the “Rowdy Dash” data dashboard, showcasing student-focused disaggregated data.

Discussion ensued with comments and questions from Trustees Glick, Mendoza, and Noles as well as President Davidson and Board Chair Hultquist.

- B. The BLUR, How MSU Denver is Answering the Governor's Call – *Kaycee Gerhardt, Vice President of Government and External Affairs, and Shaun Schafer, Interim Deputy Provost, and AVP, Curriculum, Academic Effectiveness, & Policy Development*

VP Gerhart provided an explanation of Governor Polis’s “The Big Blur” initiative. She then presented about MSU Denver’s efforts to engage in the initiative.

Discussion ensued with comments and questions from President Davidson, Trustee Mendoza, Vice President for Student Affairs Will Simpkins, and Dr. Schafer.

## VI. ADJOURNMENT 4:58pm