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

*Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting  
Minutes*

Thursday, June 13, 2024  
2:45 p.m. – 3:55 p.m.

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

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Trustee Marissa Molina called the Academic and Student Affairs Committee meeting to order at **2:27pm**

**Board of Trustees Present:** Chair Kristin Hultquist, Trustee Emily Garnett, Trustee Russell Noles, Vice Chair Jerry Glick, Trustee Jim Qualteri, Trustee Olivia Mendoza, Trustee Rachel Kaygi, Trustee Laura Pinnie (via *Teams*), Trustee Ryan Frazier, Faculty Trustee Ann Obermann, and Student Trustee Michael Warner.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A.** Approval of March 7, 2024, Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes. It was **moved by** Vice Chair Glick and **seconded by** Trustee Noles to recommend approval of the meeting minutes. The motion was **approved unanimously**.

David Fine clarified that, among the members of the Board of Trustees, only the Trustees who serve on the *Academic and Student Affairs Committee* can make motions/vote on that committee's agenda items.

**III. ACTION ITEMS**

- A.** Approval of New Programs – *Shaun Schafer, AVP for Curriculum, Academic Effectiveness, & Policy Development*

AVP Schafer provided a brief overview of three certificates.

Committee Chair Molina asked a question, which was answered by AVP Schafer.

Vice Chair Glick asked two questions, which were answered by AVP Schafer.

Trustee Kaygi asked a question, which was answered by AVP Schafer and Dean Murphy.

Trustee Mendoza asked a follow up question, answered by AVP Schafer.

Board Chair Hulquist asked a question, answered by AVP Schafer.

It was **moved by** Trustee Mendoza and **seconded by** Trustee Noles to recommend approval of the programs. The motion was **approved unanimously**.

#### IV. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. MSU Denver's Academic Review Process and Department Report-Out – *Laura Niesen de Abruña, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, with Shaun Schafer, AVP for Curriculum, Academic Effectiveness, & Policy Development.*

Provost Niesen de Abruña explained the Academic Program Review process.

AVP Schafer then provided an overview of each of the eight programs that were reviewed during the 2023 - 2024 academic year, per the review cycle schedule.

Vice Chair Glick asked a question, answered by AVP Schafer and President Davidson.

Committee Chair Molina provided context as to why the majority of today's agenda is dedicated to the topic of Academic Program Review.

Trustee Noles asked a question, answered by AVP Schafer and Dean Newcomer.

Trustee Noles then asked several additional questions, answered by AVP Schaffer, to which Trustee Noles added a follow-up comment.

Board Chair Hulquist asked a question, answered by AVP Schafer. Committee Chair Molina made several comments. Faculty Trustee Obermann also asked a question, answered by AVP Schafer and Dean Masserini. Trustee Noles asked a follow-up question, answered by AVP Schafer.

Committee Chair Molina asked a question, answered by AVP Schafer and Dean Masserini.

Committee Chair Molina asked a follow-up question, answered by Dean Masserini.

Subsequent comments were made by Committee Chair Molina, President Davidson, VP Michael Benitez, Dean Masserini, and Trustee Noles.

Trustee Kaygi asked several questions, answered by AVP Schafer.

Trustee Frazier asked a question, answered by AVP Schafer and Provost Niesen de Abruña, with a follow-up comment by President Davidson. Committee Chair Molina provided a point of clarification and question.

Provost Niesen de Abruña then continued the presentation; President Davidson provided additional commentary.

#### V. ADJOURNMENT: 3:46 pm