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

*Governance Committee Meeting Minutes*

Thursday, August 25, 2022

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

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Governance Committee meeting was called to order at 1:57 p.m. by committee chair, Kristin Hultquist.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. Approval of June 2, 2022 Governance Committee Meeting Minutes

Trustee Noles motioned to approve the June 2, 2022 Governance Committee Meeting Minutes with a second by Trustee Grogan. The minutes were unanimously approved.

**III. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. Board of Trustees Nominations: Identify skills/background for future trustees that get recommend to governor for BoT appointments – *Kristin Hultquist, Committee Chair*

Trustee Hultquist led a discussion regarding trustee characteristics the board would like to recommend to Gov. Polis for future board appointments. The board would like appointments to be more staggered so there isn't so much turnover at one time resulting in the continuity that we seek.

B. Board Assessment – *Kristin Hultquist, Committee Chair*

Trustee Hultquist led a discussion around the importance of regular board assessments for the good of the entire board. The assessments are confidential and the findings will be reviewed at the retreat. We want to get in the habit of doing good/well checkups. There are quantitative and qualitative measures in the assessment – looking at in-person attendance, the extent to which trustees feel supported, are provided adequate time to review materials in advance of meetings, and if there are any areas of concern. The survey will take less than 10 minutes to complete and will become a best practice for this board.

C. Board Communications – *Andrea Smith, AVP of Strategic Communications*

Ms. Smith updated the trustees on the communications plan for the board. She advised that we've been working to optimize the board portal and centralize event invitations in the portal. The trustees should now be receiving regular communications according to the preferences they noted in the communications survey they completed including the Early Bird and monthly trustee newsletter.

D. Meeting Survey – *David Fine, Board Secretary*

Mr. Fine updated the board on the status of providing a post-meeting survey after the board meetings. The survey will be posted on the board portal after the full board meetings for the Trustees to provide their feedback on board meeting logistics, content, etc.

E. Shared Governance – *David Fine, Board Secretary*

Mr. Fine presented on Shared Governance which is essentially active shared responsibility between faculty, trustees, and administration. The value of shared governance is that it builds social capital through relationships of trust, cooperation and reciprocity. University stakeholders include the President, the Board of Trustees (the boss), the President's Cabinet, Senior Leader Team, Staff Senate, Faculty Senate, Deans, Department Chairs. MSU Denver's Free Expression Statement is a classic example of shared governance working. Mr. Fine also discussed what it means to have healthy shared governance.

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.