

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

**Wednesday, April 5, 2006
8 a.m. – 12 noon
Tivoli Student Union Room 320
Auraria Campus**

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 8:10 a.m., by Chair Benson.

Board of Trustees Present:

Trustee Bruce Benson; Trustee Gin Butler; Trustee Alex Cranberg; Trustee Maria Garcia Berry (EXCUSED); Trustee Mark Martinez; Trustee John Osborn; Trustee Adele Phelan; Trustee Ann Rice; Trustee Sean Tonner (VIA CONFERENCE CALL); Faculty Trustee Gene Saxe; Student Trustee Brian Glotzbach.

Metro State Personnel Present:

Stephen Jordan, President; Teri Bokn, Executive Assistant to the President; Frieda Holley, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs; Natalie Lutes, Vice President for Administration and Finance; Douglas Samuels, Vice President for Student Services; George Middlemist, Interim Vice President for Information Technology; George Engdahl, Interim Vice President for Institutional Advancement; Lee Combs, General Counsel; John Cochran, Interim Dean, School of Business; Sandra Haynes, Dean, School of Professional Studies; Joan Foster Dean, School of Letters, Arts & Sciences; Hal Nees, Faculty Senate President; John Schmidt, Chair, Council of Chairs; Ed Lucero, Alumni Association, and others.

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At approximately 8:11 a.m., it was moved and seconded that the Board convene into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters in accordance with 24-6-402(3)(b)(I), C.R.S., and to possibly confer with the Board's attorney to receive specific advice on legal questions in accordance with 24-6-402(3)(a)(II), C.R.S. The motion passed unanimously.

At approximately 9:20 a.m. the meeting was called back to order in open session by Chair Benson.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of February 1, 2006, Board Meeting Minutes: It was moved and seconded to approve the February 1, 2006, Board meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

III. REPORTS

- A. MSCD Board: Chair Benson began by extending well wishes to Dr. John Buechner during his recent health issues. He congratulated the Alumni Association on a great job with the Plain and Fancy Ball. He concluded with an update on work he continues to do in the legislature regarding Metro State's budget.
- B. AHEC Board: President Jordan reported that at the last meeting, the AHEC Board considered a resolution to ask the Auraria Foundation to support the AEC and Auraria Board's recommendation for use of proceeds from the sale of the Dravo and 1380 buildings to go to improvement of campus facilities. It is estimated that after the sale of the two buildings, there will be \$8.2 million in net revenue after paying bonds and an outstanding debt. He concluded with an outline of the recommendations/improvements/renovations.
- C. President: President Jordan gave an update on the stolen laptop and what is being done to resolve and secure the students. He will continue to keep the Board informed. He announced that Leaf and Associates has been selected from the RFP to review insurance and discussed why this firm was chosen. He also laid out the timeline. Trustee Martinez asked if the firm had any ties to CHEIBA; Vice President Lutes said that they did not.

Dr. Jordan has been asked to serve as one of two outside board members on the Northwest Commission for Colleges and Universities beginning on July 1 for a 3 year term. With Board's concurrence, he will accept the position. The Board supported his appointment

President Jordan gave an update on the RTD strike; how it is impacting the campus; and what is being done to help the students. 1 in 5 students use RTD to get to campus.

He reported that over 1600 prospective students attend the April 1 Campus Open House expressed his appreciation to faculty and staff who made this such a success.

President Jordan gave an update on long bill appropriations which passed in the House and discussed the portions that affected higher ed and Metro State.

President Jordan concluded by reading the President's Initiative on Diversity (attached), focusing on the highlights of the handout. There was discussion on how this will be implemented, including a position that will be a Cabinet level position. Trustee Cranberg shared President Jordan's sentiments, but expressed some concerns. Trustee Butler applauded Dr. Jordan for this effort.

- D. Student Government: Student Trustee Glotzbach reported the SGA elections will be held in the next 3 weeks and certified by April 25. He thanked Vice President Samuels, Director of Student Activities Zav Dadabhoy and SGA for securing funds to travel to Minnesota for the men's basketball playoff games.

The Student Affairs Board finished deliberation on the dispersal of approximately \$2 million of student fee monies which are collected as part of the student affairs

fees and the recommendations have been sent forward. This is the first time the Board has been chaired by a student. He continued by expressing the concerns over the 65-70% of the total fees that pay for administrator salaries. College administration and students will work together to review how student fees are dispersed.

Student from all three schools will be voting to extend the RTD program for another four years. Student Trustee Glotzbach expressed frustration regarding the process for voting and distribution of information prior to meetings that require votes. There was extended discussion on this process and possible resolutions.

Trustee Martinez would like more detailed discussion on the student and bus fee issues, including further clarification of the distribution of funds. It was agreed that the Academic and Student Affairs Committee would research further.

He also mentioned the success of the Metro State open house.

He continued with a report on a recent tour of the Campus Village student housing. Chair Benson requested that President Jordan and Vice President Samuels discuss student housing a future meeting.

Student Trustee Glotzbach concluded by wishing “good luck” to Chair Benson on the roast at the I Have A Dream Foundation dinner and thanking him for all the work he does for Metro State.

- E. Finance Committee: There was no Finance Committee report.
- F. Academic and Student Affairs Committee: The Academic and Student Affairs Committee items will discussed during the Action Items part of the Agenda.
- G. Faculty Senate: Dr. Hal Nees, President, Dr. Nees thanked the Board for their efforts in the legislature regarding the higher education budget. He discussed concerns by faculty, which is comprised of three governing bodies: the Faculty Senate as a whole; the Executive Committee (Committee Chairs and elected officers); and the Senate President’s Council, regarding the tenure agenda item. He called attention to sections of the Professional Handbook and the process regarding tenure and policy vs. practice concerns.
- H. Council of Chairs: Dr. John Schmidt, Chair’s report echoed support for the concerns expressed in Dr. Nees’ report, specifically related to peer evaluations.
- I. Institutional Advancement: Mr. George Engdahl, Interim Vice President, announced that Cathy Lucas will be appointed as Assistant Vice President for Communications, pending the Board’s approval later in the agenda. The Integrated Marketing Committee (IMC) focus groups are underway. Stacy Lewis and Associates will be conducting the interviews for the IMC plan.

He reported the Foundation Board has confirmed the PACEsetters scholarship program will continue; a \$100,000 proposal for a new softball field has been submitted to the Rockies Charitable fund; progress continues toward the \$2.5

million fundraising goal, and planning for the summer concert which benefits athletics, marketing and industrial design has begun.

He concluded by announcing the appointment of Diane McAllister as Director of the Foundation. The first full Foundation Board meeting in two years is being planned and Board member prospects are being identified.

- J. Alumni: Mr. Ed Lucero, President, gave an update on the Alumni Strategic Plan and the four goals 1) financial support to the college; 2) increase identity and visibility of Alumni Association; 3) increase leadership support of the college; and 4) outreach to current students and alumni. The Alumni Associate is looking forward to input on Metro State's Strategic Plan. He added that they are also ready to continue support on legislative issues relating to budget and other issues.

Mr. Lucero reminded the Board of the Alumni Recognition Event on April 26. He also recognized the success of the Plain and Fancy Ball which raised \$80, 000 to support scholarships and endowments. He thanked everyone involved.

Mr. Lucero concluded by expressing support to President Jordan on the President's Diversity Initiative and offered the commitment of the Alumni Association to support this climate.

- K. Legislative: There was no report by the Capstone Group.

IV. CONSENT ITEM

- A. Personnel Items: It was moved and seconded to approve the Consent Item as submitted. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Benson congratulated Cathy Lucas on her appointment.

V. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Awards of Tenure: President Jordan gave an overview of the process and stated that the decisions were not arrived at lightly. He appreciated the comments from Dr. Nees and Dr. Schmidt regarding the process and felt the candidates followed the process and should be commended for following that process.

It was moved and seconded that the faculty members recommended for Tenure by President Jordan be approved by the Board. The motion passed unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that the three faculty members recommend for denial of tenure by President Jordan be supported by the Board; an extension of the probationary period for all three faculty members to six years be authorized with the understanding that the Board is aware that, even if they do 100% of the course evaluations, they will not meet the benchmark, and this standard will be removed; and that a recommendation move forward to the Handbook committee that tenure denials be approved at the President's level. The motion passed unanimously.