

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

**Wednesday, November 2, 2005**

**8 a.m.**

**Central Classroom 301**

Auraria Campus

**VIA CONFERENCE CALL**

**MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at approximately 8:05 a.m., by Chair Benson.

**Board of Trustees Present:**

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

**Metro State Personnel Present:**

Stephen Jordan, President; Teri Bokn, Executive Assistant to the President; Joan Foster, Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs; Natalie Lutes, Vice President for Administration and Finance; Karen Raforth, Interim Vice President for Student Services; George Middlemist, Interim Vice President for Information Technology; Lee Combs, General Counsel; Sandra Haynes, Dean, School of Professional Studies; Kenneth Keller, Interim Dean, School of Letters, Arts & Sciences; Hal Nees, Faculty Senate President; Vonda Knox, Classified Staff Council President; Diane McAllister, Foundation; and others.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. Approval of September 7, 2005, Board Meeting Minutes
- B. Approval of October 5, 2005, Board Meeting Minutes

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the September 7, and October 5, 2005, Board meetings. The motion passed unanimously.

**III. REPORTS**

- A. Board Chair: Chair Benson expressed the sorrow of the Board in the loss of former Student Trustee Stephen Hay and extended best wishes to his family. He said Stephen was a very fine young man and a very good Student Trustee who would call and tell him when things were rumbling on campus in a very level headed way. Chair Benson said Stephen was a great role model as a single parent and he would personally miss him. The Board took a moment of silence to remember Stephen.

At the Board of Trustees' Retreat on October 17 and 18, the Meaning of Preeminence at Metro State was discussed and after considering various interpretations of the idea

of academic preeminence, the Board concluded that preeminence at Metro State would include the following features:

1. High expectations for student success.
2. High standards for student competence.
3. Faculty who prize student achievement, their own professional self-appraisal and teaching excellence.
4. A curriculum that emphasizes the integration of theory and practice, and one that prepares students for success in their profession.
5. Generous admissions policies coupled with precise diagnosis of student skills and reliable advising based on those evaluations.
6. Widespread student and faculty engagement with the metropolitan Denver community.
7. Affordability - recognizing the importance of financial aid for low income students as well as the financial and other benefits deriving from a high quality college degree.
8. Graduates who are well prepared for the responsibilities and opportunities offered by life, their families, their communities and their careers.

Dr. Jordan will include the list in his next weekly report.

Chair Benson concluded by thanking all for their work to pass Referenda C and how critical it was to Metro State. He personally congratulated Courtney Cowgill and the Metro State Alumni Association for their hard work.

- B. President: On behalf of the college, Dr. Jordan along with Hal Nees, Faculty Senate President, expressed their appreciation to Chair Benson, the members of the Board and all supporters of C&D. Dr. Jordan also acknowledged the efforts of the Metro State Alumni Association.

Dr. Jordan reminded the Board of the School of Business Symposium on Thursday and Friday, November 10 and 11. If any were interested in attending the lunches or any of the panels they should let Teri know.

The four finalists for Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs will be on campus the weeks of November 7 and 14. Teri will send you information on their schedules along with their vitae and the dinners you are invited to attend. Please let her know if you are available to attend the dinners or if you need further information.

Dr. Jordan concluded with a reminder that Fall Commencement is on December 18 and asked the Trustees to reserve that date. He (President Jordan) will be the commencement key-note speaker.

#### **IV. CONSENT ITEMS**

- A. Personnel Items
- B. Deferring of a Sabbatical Leave

It was moved and seconded to approve the consent items as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **V. INFORMATION ITEM (Requires no approval by the Board of Trustees)**

- A. Personnel Actions Delegated to the President

## **VI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no comment from the public.

## **VII. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Trustee Cranberg requested that the Board revisit long-term guidelines for the tuition budget – 3 to 5 year outlook on tuition net of scholarships.
- Trustee Garcia Berry would like a discussion on what approach Metro State, Auraria and higher ed are pursuing for capital appropriations since Referenda D did not pass. What portion of Referenda C funds should we pursue? She would like to see Metro State at the forefront of that approach.

Dr. Jordan reported that at the CCHE president's meeting, they discussed positioning for short-term interests of their institutions with respect to how they want to approach COF and fee for service. There was no long term plan on which they could judge the short term decision. Dr. Jordan suggested a long term vision of an outcome to assess our short term decisions against a goal and that might start with the Blue Ribbon Panel Report. Trustee Garcia Berry wants to make sure that we are united about Metro State's plan and how it fits into the Higher Ed plan. Trustee Tonner agreed with Trustee Garcia Berry. The Trustees agreed that talks should begin with the lobbyists and with legislators.

Dr. Jordan believes we have much in common with the Community Colleges and that he and President Nancy McCallin think the principle focus should be around access and raising the COF to the extent possible. If there is no objection from the Board, Dr. Jordan would like to move forward with this as a general direction to begin working with the lobbyists. In the long run, we should try to minimize the impact of tuition and still recognize there are cost implications on the production side. In order to make that work, the focus needs to be on access which brings funding with every student and on raising the amount of that funding for every student.

- Chair Benson would like a discussion on the Capital budgets.

Trustee Martinez congratulated Natalie on her appointment the Board concurred.

## **VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was no Executive Session.

## **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 a.m.