

**TRUSTEES OF MESA STATE COLLEGE  
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

October 21, 2004

Mesa State College Montrose Campus  
Montrose, Colorado

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Elliott called the meeting to order at 9:35AM.

**Trustees Present**

Trustee Hamilton, Trustee Kaesemeyer, Trustee Meyer, Trustee Wexels, Trustee Wist, Faculty Trustee Slauson, Student Trustee Dukes, Chair Elliott

**Trustees Excused**

Trustee Monfort, Trustee Nesland, Trustee North

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Trustee Hamilton moved to accept the minutes of the September 15, 2004 regular meeting and the September 27, 2004 special meeting; Trustee Wist seconded. Trustee Wist recommended that the employment handbook be made a part of the minutes; approved. The motion passed unanimously. It was mentioned that Jim Jacobs was leaving CCHE and would no longer be its representative to the Board.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

Trustee Kaesemeyer moved to approve consent items as presented; Trustee Hamilton seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**REPORTS**

**President:** President Foster reported on plans for next year's enrollment, enrollment growth compared to other states, and recruitment targets that include the high schools in the fourteen counties of Mesa's regional education provider area as well as states where growth is occurring.

**Faculty Trustee:** Faculty Trustee Slauson referred the Trustees to her written report. With regard to the performance contract, she mentioned that she had served on the GE25 committee and expressed her concern with CCHE's proposal on a common core, soliciting the Board's help in maintaining Mesa State's individualization of courses.

**Student Trustee:** Student Trustee Dukes reported that Homecoming went well and that \$1000 was raised in a fund-raiser involving the young long-horn maverick on loan to Mesa for use at sporting events. Mr. Dukes stated that he would provide to the Board at its next meeting any feedback received on parking and residence halls from the upcoming ASG president's State of the Student address. He also mentioned the good turn-out for candidate debates.

**Board Chair:** Chair Elliott reported on meetings with the Foundation and County Commissioners, the Distinguished Alumni dinner hosted by the Fosters, and the Hall of Honor banquet. With regard to the meeting of governing board chairs sponsored by CCHE director Rick O'Donnell, Ms. Elliott indicated that subjects covered included budget issues, financial aid increase, tuition increase and the performance contract.

Chair Elliott announced a change in agenda to address Financials, Technology Plan, then the Overview of Montrose Campus and a tour.

### **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM**

#### **Financials – Pat Doyle**

Vice President Doyle was complimented on the change in reporting model. He provided a summary of the first quarter, which had a good start with enrollment growth generating needed revenues, and mentioned that the balance sheet is solid, cash is up, and collections are up. With regard to Bookstore challenges, Mr. Doyle indicated that MSC plans to compete on-line where possible. Questions were addressed on private grants and contracts, timing issues, financial aid, and utilities.

#### **Technology Plan – Acting Director of Information Technology John Sluder**

Director Sluder presented information on the proposed master plan that includes technology sustainability, wireless access, customer service and end-user focus, the structure of Information Technology, software training, help desk, inventory process, and needs analysis.

#### **Overview of Montrose Campus – Director Ben Keefer**

Director Keefer welcomed the Board to the Montrose campus, presented the Trustees with a packet of information on Montrose's strengths, challenges, development focuses, regional education programs, additional offerings, student services, and enrollment growth, and then suggested a tour.

Chair Elliott adjourned to tour and lunch at 11:30 AM and reconvened at 1:20 PM.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

The subject of the Foundation agreement was raised, examples of organizational models were considered and discussion occurred on fundraising responsibilities, a development council, historical perspective, scholarships/awards, funds disbursement, and potential relationships between the Foundation Board, a development council and other departments and entities. It was agreed that President Foster would continue discussion with the Foundation Board.

Trustees were invited to next Wednesday's meeting with CCHE on the performance contract.

Chair Elliott and Board members thanked Director Keefer for hosting the meeting on the Montrose Campus.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Meyer moved to adjourn; Trustee Wexels seconded. Meeting adjourned at 2:45 PM.