

*Minutes*  
*Western State College of Colorado Board of Trustees Meeting*  
*Friday, September 16, 2011*  
*Western State College of Colorado*

The Western State College of Colorado Board of Trustees met on Friday, September 16, 2011 in the Executive Boardroom of the College Center, Western State College of Colorado. The board meeting convened at 8:05 a.m. chaired by Trustee Foote.

***Attendees***

**Board of Trustees**

Trustee Clark	Present
Trustee Delaney	Present
Trustee Foote	Present
Trustee Hagan	Present
Trustee Mark	Present
Trustee Morton	Present
Trustee Rippy	Excused
Trustee Saltzman	Present via teleconference
Trustee Wheeler	Present via teleconference
Faculty Trustee Orth	Present
Student Trustee Newberry	Present

**Western State College President**

Jay Helman

**Others in Attendance**

Brad Baca, Finance and Administration	Jessica Young, Academic Affairs
Gary Pierson, Student Affairs	Tom Burggraf, WSC Foundation
Teddi Joyce, Enrollment Management	Kim Gailey, Human Resources
Tracey Koehler, Public Relations	Shelley Jansen, Student Affairs
Terri Wenzlaff, Academic Affairs	Erica Boucher, Academic Affairs
Kevin Nelson, Academic Affairs	Bill Niemi, Academic Affairs
Jerry Martinez, Enrollment Management	Sara Phillips, Student Affairs
Janna Hansen, Student Affairs	Greg Waggoner, Athletics
Jas Bains, Athletics	Ed Klein, Residence Life
Celeste Helminski, President's Office	
Jennifer Drumm, Academic Resource Center	
Travis Berry, PoliticalWorks, LLC via teleconference	
Erica Weston, Attorney General's Office	
Blythe Brugger, Student	Spencer Storck, Student

Recording technician: Jeramiah Friesen

***I. Approval of the Agenda***

Trustee Clark moved to approve the agenda. Trustee Delaney seconded. The motion carried.

***II. Executive Session***

Trustee Clark moved to go into Executive Session. Trustee Hagan seconded. The motion carried. Executive session was called at 8:08 a.m.

The regular meeting reconvened at 8:20 a.m.

**III. Approval of the Minutes**

Trustee Hagan moved to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2011 meeting. Trustee Wheeler seconded. The motion carried.

**IV. Consent Items**

Trustee Hagan moved to approve the consent items as presented. Trustee Clark seconded. The motion carried.

**V. Action****A. FY2012-13 controlled maintenance request**

Vice President Baca presented this item and asked that the FY2012-13 controlled maintenance request be approved as presented. Trustee Delaney moved to approve as presented. Trustee Hagan seconded. The motion carried.

**B. New student tuition deposit**

Vice President Joyce presented this item and requested approval from the board. Discussion took place. Trustee Clark moved to establish a tuition deposit. Trustee Hagan seconded. The motion carried. Discussion took place regarding the dollar amount to establish this deposit at. Trustee Delaney moved to establish a refundable tuition deposit at \$200 effective immediately. Trustee Clark seconded. The motion carried.

**VI. Reports****A. Board Chair**

No report at this time.

**B. President**

President Helman reported on:

- September 30, 2011 Western will host an installation of a new Taylor Hall Time Capsule and a rededication ceremony of Taylor Hall.
- Homecoming activities will take place Friday, September 30 and Saturday, October 1, 2011.
- October 11, 2011 the State Capital Development Committee will be touring the southwest region of the state and making a stop at Western. This group will tour campus and Western will host a dinner in their honor.
- A letter signed by most two year and four year Colorado college / university presidents has been sent to 100 state legislators inviting them personally to visit the state schools to get familiar with all of the higher education institutions.
- Background information on Proposition 103 was provided. Discussion took place.
- A very successful initial USA Pro Cycling Challenge came through Gunnison County bringing several thousand participants and spectators into the valley.
- Vice President Pierson was asked to join and report to the board on the ongoing working relationship between the College and Crested Butte Mountain Resort and what initiatives CBMR is creating geared to WSC students.
- Introduced the new head football coach Jas Bains.

**C. Faculty Trustee**

Faculty Trustee Orth reported:

- The CALL faculty is happy to be back in the newly renovated Taylor Hall.
- The start of the semester activities are winding down and term is underway.
- Faculty is starting prep work on spring term schedules.
- Faculty is very involved in the self-study currently underway on campus.

Discussion took place.

Faculty Trustee Orth provided a synopsis on the sabbatical year he just returned from in Washington D.C.

**D. Student Trustee**

Student Trustee Newberry reported

- The “We R Western” campaign enjoyed a well attended kick-off the first week of classes.
- An article on what is good sportsmanship was placed in the first issue of the student newspaper.
- SGA has created and hired four new positions: Sustainability Coordinators.
- Currently all the SGA positions are filled.

**E. Vice President for Enrollment Management**

Vice President Joyce presented:

- The Fall 2011 New Student enrollment report. The numbers did not track as what had been predicted.
- Changes are currently being made to the 2011-2012 recruitment cycle to include additional data for analysis.
- An in house tracker is being created for the primary reason of why a student does not come to Western.
- Social networking tools through Facebook have been introduced and is being well received and used by current students.
- Graduate level enrollment is up 30%.

Discussion took place.

**F. WSC Foundation Executive Director**

WSC Foundation Executive Director Burggraf:

- Reported that the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011 at just above the annual goal of \$4 million in gift receipts.
- The next Foundation board meeting is scheduled for September 30, 2011 and the annual audit will be presented to the foundation board members at that time.
- The Foundation Board is working on a strategic plan that follows the college’s strategic plan.
- The WSC Foundation will be hosting an Energy Enlightenment Symposium on Friday, September 30, 2011.
- The Mountaineer Man sculpture is in the process of being cast. This sculpture will be placed at the south entrance of Taylor Hall and be dedicated on Saturday, December 10, 2011 capping off the Heritage to Horizon year-long celebration.

- In the summer issue of the Westerner (alumni magazine) a list was published of the top 100 nominated Alumni in the first 100 years. In the next issue a list of the top 100 benefactors in the first 100 years will be published.

Discussion took place.

### **G. Legislative update**

Lobbyist Berry provided a legislative overview looking toward this session potential budget funding. Discussion took place around Proposition 103 and around the possible redistricting of the state representative map for Colorado. The board decided to craft a resolution in support of Proposition 103. Trustee Morton moved that the board of Western State College of Colorado support Proposition 103, “the Education Proposition”, which will be on this fall’s ballot. Trustee Hagan seconded. The motion carried with one opposed vote.

## **VII. Discussion/Information Items**

### **A. Board self-assessment process**

Trustee Hagan introduced this item and provided a possible survey to board member. Discussion took place. It was decided that this survey would be used and sent to board members electronically with a request to get this back to Trustee Hagan by September 23, 2011 for tabulation. The Friday, October 28, 2011 board meeting time will be expanded to include retreat time and a facilitator will be asked to join to lead this retreat based on the responses submitted through the board survey.

### **B. Legislative agenda**

President Helman presented background on this item. The board was asked to direct the staff regarding two potential legislative initiatives:

- Engage in the master planning effort to request authority for all institutions to offer remedial development courses through the general fund.
- Request authority to change the name of the institution.

Discussion took place. The board recommended that the administration pursue the idea of a name change and begin exploratory discussion on campus and with stakeholders.

A break was called at 10:50 a.m.

The regular meeting reconvened at 11:10 a.m.

### **C. Master plan for Colorado postsecondary education**

Vice President Baca presented this item and reviewed the process that the state has been going through during the past two years to get to the point of creating a Master Plan for Education. Vice President Baca presented the revised Colorado Statute §23-1-108(1.5) through §23-1-108(1.9). Friday, December 2, 2011 a state level meeting will be held in Denver that requires the participation of a board member from each trustee board and the President of each institution.

***VIII. Written Reports***

Chair Foote asked if there were any questions regarding the written reports included in the board packets. Trustee Clark asked for a change to be made to the reporting style on the Capital Construction and Controlled Maintenance: Recent History report where the changes to this report are highlighted for ease of viewing.

Discussion took place.

***IX. Public Comment***

No public comment was requested.

***X. Presentation: Supporting Students from Day One: Student engagement and academic support***

Vice President's Pierson and Young introduced this item and invited various staff members from

Academic Affairs and Student Affairs to share information on their perspective area of involvement.

***XI. Adjournment***

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.