

Minutes
Western State College of Colorado Board of Trustees Meeting
Friday, October 28, 2011
Western State College of Colorado

The Western State College of Colorado Board of Trustees met on Friday, October 28, 2011 in the South Conference Room, Aspinall-Wilson Center, Western State College of Colorado. The board meeting convened at 9:10 a.m. chaired by Trustee Foote.

Attendees

Board of Trustees

Trustee Clark	Present
Trustee Delaney	Excused
Trustee Foote	Present
Trustee Hagan	Present
Trustee Mark	Present
Trustee Morton	Present
Trustee Rippy	Excused
Trustee Saltzman	Present
Trustee Wheeler	Present
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
Tracey Koehler, Public Relations	Erica Boucher, Academic Affairs
Kevin Nelson, Academic Affairs	Bill Niemi, Academic Affairs
Celeste Helminski, President's Office	Elva Dryer, Conference Services
Monica Newman, BAE	Kevin Alexander, NES
Kari Commerford, BASS	Katie Bainbridge, WRAP
Chris Luekenga, WRAP	Marilyn Laverty, SBDC
Megann Powell, Athletics	Daniel Gray, Student
Natalie Kuenzi, Student	Brad Langner, Piper Jaffray
Travis Berry, PoliticalWorks, LLC	Erica Weston, Attorney General's Office
Gregg Piburn, Leader's Edge Consulting	Jesse Cruz, Partners
Frederic Marienthal, KutakRock via teleconference	
Jennifer Barrett, KutakRock via teleconference	
Steph Chichester, North Slope Capital Advisors via teleconference	
Sally Thode, BLM	Jim Lovelace, BLM
Matt Smith, Gunnison Country Times	Phil Chamberland, BOCC
Carolyn Riggs, Gunnison Business Owner	Julena Loken, Partners

Recording technician: Jeramiah Friesen

I. Approval of the Agenda

Trustee Morton moved to approve the agenda. Trustee Hagan seconded. The motion carried.

II. Executive Session

Trustee Hagan moved to go into Executive Session. Trustee Saltzman seconded. The motion carried. Executive session was called at 9:11 a.m.

The regular meeting reconvened at 9:20 a.m.

III. Approval of the Minutes

Trustee Hagan moved to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2011 and October 12, 2011 meetings. Trustee Wheeler seconded. The motion carried.

IV. Action**A. 2003 Series A & B refinancing**

Vice President Baca presented this item and invited Brad Langner of Piper Jaffray to address the board. Vice President Baca requested that the necessary documents be approved to move this action item forward. Discussion took place. Trustee Saltzman moved to approve the refinancing of the 2003 bond Series A and B and to adjust the parameter par amount from \$13 million to \$13.5 million. Trustee Wheeler seconded. The motion carried. Trustee Clark recused herself from voting.

V. Reports**A. Board Chair**

No report at this time.

B. President

President Helman reported:

- The tone on campus is very positive and there is excitement around new initiatives and possible name change.
- Asked Vice President Pierson to join and report to the board on the possible restructuring of the new student orientation program and possible new additions to the first year experience programs.
- Vice President Young presented ideas to the board regarding expansion of the graduate and academic programs:
 - Reinvestment through the cash funded programs
 - Named a new position; Director of Education Technology, to look at ways to expand the use of technology in the classroom and increase concurrent High School enrollment opportunities.
 - Faculty is currently working on new undergraduate program ideas and support development of cash funded graduate programs with the thought of implementation by the fall of 2014
 - Investment has been received from the WSC Foundation to begin the Center for Executive Education that will offer credited continuing education courses July 2012
 - In conversation is the possibility of a Health Wellness and Exercise Performance Center
- Shared information about the Colorado Mesa University board meeting that was attended on October 19, 2011 along with Vice President Baca.
- The on-site visit from the Capital Development Committee on October 11, 2011 went very well.
- Representative Hamner from Dillon visited campus as part of the 100 Legislators in 100 Days.

C. Faculty Trustee

Faculty Trustee Orth reported:

- Faculty continues to be very involved in the self-study currently underway on campus.
- Much discussion is taking place on campus around possible new initiatives and name change conversation.
- Advising is taking place for the Spring Term.

D. Student Trustee

Student Trustee Newberry reported

- SGA has hosted four student forums to facilitate discussion around a possible name change.

E. WSC Foundation Executive Director

WSC Foundation Executive Director Burggraf:

- Homecoming went very well
- Announced the addition of two new Foundation Board members; Barry Clifford and Travis Berry.
- The Mountaineer sculpture has received a sponsor donor that will match dollar for dollar up to \$40,000. The dedication of the sculpture will take place Saturday, December 10, 2011.
- The Foundation Board is in the process of refinancing the foundation debt.
- The Annual Fund and President's Club solicitation letters have recently been mailed out.

F. Legislative update

Lobbyist Berry provided a legislative overview of the upcoming session. The state budget will remain the focus. Governor Hickenlooper's proposed budget will be presented November 1, 2011. Discussion took place.

VI. Discussion/Information Items**A. Legislative agenda**

Lobbyist Berry presented legislative items that may affect Western State College this session. Admission and remediation policies will be put forth to the legislature by the Department of Higher Education. The other item this session may be a possible name change. Discussion took place.

A break was called at 11:15 a.m. The regular meeting reconvened at 11:25 a.m.

B. FY2011-12 budget and financial accountability plan update

Vice President Baca presented current year budget with proposed adjustments. Discussion took place. Staff will present several scenarios at the December scheduled board meeting.

C. Master plan for Colorado postsecondary education

President Helman presented this item. A CCHE meeting will be held in Denver that requires the participation of a board member from each governing board and the President of each institution on Friday, December 2, 2011.

VII. Written Reports

Chair Foote asked if there were any questions regarding the written reports included in the board packets.

VIII. Public Comment

No public comment was requested.

IX. Presentation: College and Community Partnerships

Associate Vice President Niemi introduced this item and invited multiple guests from both campus community and the Gunnison Valley community to present information on partnerships forged between Western State College administration, staff and students and the Gunnison Valley Community.

X. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.