Minutes
Western State College of Colorado Board of Trustees Meeting
Friday, October 29, 2010
Western State College of Colorado

The Western State College of Colorado Board of Trustees met on Friday, October 29, 2010 in the North Ballroom, 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 Dea: Present
- Trustee Delaney: Present via teleconference
- Trustee Foote: Present
- Trustee Hagan: Present
- Trustee Kirchhof: Present
- Trustee Mark: Excused
- Trustee Morton: Present
- Trustee Rippy: Present via teleconference
- Trustee Saltzman: Present via teleconference
- Faculty Trustee Stork: Present
- Student Trustee Newberry: Present

**Western State College President**
- Jay Helman

**Others in Attendance**
- Brad Baca, Finance and Administration
- Gary Pierson, Student Affairs
- Tracey Koehler, Public Information
- Celeste Helminski, President’s Office
- Grace Eggleston, SGA
- Carolyn Riggs, Student
- Patrick Stark, BASS
- Carey Markel, Attorney General’s Office via teleconference
- Dan Higgins, Atmos Energy

Recording technician: Jeramiah Friesen

1. **Approval of the Agenda**

   Trustee Dea moved to amend the agenda adding Item C., Enrollment Update, under Section IV., Action. Trustee Morton seconded. The motion carried.

   Trustee Hagan moved to approve the agenda as amended. Trustee Morton seconded. The motion carried.
II. Executive Session
Trustee Hagan moved to go into Executive Session. Trustee Morton seconded. The motion carried. Executive session was called at 8:07 a.m.

The regular meeting reconvened at 9:00 a.m.

III. Approval of the Minutes
Trustee Morton moved to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2010 meeting. Trustee Dea seconded. The motion carried.

IV. Action
A. Personnel action and information items
President Helman presented the personnel action and information items. Trustee Hagan moved to approve personnel items as presented. Trustee Kirchhof seconded. The motion carried.

B. Ownership transfer of gas distribution system
Vice President Baca presented this item and introduced Dan Higgins of Atmos Energy. Discussion took place. Trustee Hagan moved to approve the request as presented. Trustee Morton seconded. The motion carried.

C. Enrollment update
Vice President Joyce provided an enrollment update to the board. Discussion took place. The board asked that the item enrollment and recruitment be listed as a standing agenda item for every regularly scheduled board meeting. No action was requested.

Break was called at 9:35 a.m. The regular meeting reconvened at 9:50 a.m.

V. Reports
A. Board Chair
No report was given.

B. President
1. Comments:
President Helman reported on:
   • The college is hosting internationally acclaimed poet David Whyte on campus November 11, 2010.
   • The annual Lowdenslager Political Science lecture brought speaker Dr. Eric Fisher to campus on October 28, 2010.
   • Three political debates were hosted on campus featuring local and state candidates.
   • The Colorado Department of Higher Education staff and a member of the higher education strategic planning steering committee were on campus presenting the preliminary results of the committee report on the five-year state strategic plan for Higher Education.
• The cabinet has implemented an internal outreach program; “Coffee with the Cabinet” which will target each building on campus providing an opportunity for informal conversation with cabinet members.

2. Update: Strategic Partnerships and Brand Visibility Campaign
   • President Helman provided a networking opportunity for senior members of CBMR staff and senior members of Western administrative staff to discuss mutually beneficial marketing.
   • A similar network meeting took place with President Helman, Vice President Sowell and senior management from the Gunnison Valley Health Organization (hospital).
   • Vice President Pierson and President Helman are working on expanding the existing collaborative efforts between the college and Partners, a local non-profit youth mentoring organization.
   • As the Educational Chair for Club 20, President Helman is working on organizing an outreach educational tour for the Club 20 region.

C. WSC Foundation Executive Director
   In the absence of WSC Foundation Executive Director, a report on current foundation activities was provided by President Helman.

D. Legislative update
   Lobbyist Berry provided a current budget report and upcoming election information.

E. Faculty Trustee
   Faculty Trustee Stork reported for both himself and the Faculty Senate Chair.
   • Student advising is currently underway on campus.
   • Happy to report that events across campus have been well attended by students, faculty, staff and community members.

F. Student Trustee
   Student Trustee Newberry reported:
   • Seven Western students recently attended and presented at the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education fall meeting held in Denver.
   • Club sports are experiencing growth in both athlete and audience participation.
   • The office of Administration and Finance brought several design teams to campus asking for design input on the proposed field house and apartment complex. Students were well represented during these presentations.
   • The local chapter of the League of Women Voters came to campus to assist students in registering to vote.
VI. **Discussion/Information Items**

A. **Master plan for Colorado postsecondary education**
   President Helman introduced this item and asked Vice Presidents Sowell and Baca to join the presentation. Discussion took place. Staff was directed to draft a response on behalf of the board to the Department of Higher Education regarding the master plan for Colorado postsecondary education.

VII. **Written Reports**
   Vice President Baca introduced these items and asked if there were any questions regarding the written reports included in the board packets. Discussion took place.

VIII. **Public Comment**
   No public comment was requested.

IX. **Adjournment**
   The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.