Minutes  
Western State College of Colorado Board of Trustees Meeting  
Friday, March 25, 2011  
Western State College of Colorado

The Western State College of Colorado Board of Trustees met on Friday, March 25, 2011 in the Aspinall-Wilson Center on the campus of Western State College of Colorado. The board meeting convened at 8:10 a.m. chaired by Trustee Foote.

Attendees

Board of Trustees

Trustee Clark    Excused
Trustee Delaney  Excused
Trustee Foote    Present
Trustee Hagan    Present
Trustee Mark     Present
Trustee Morton   Present
Trustee Rippy    Present
Trustee Saltzman Excused
Trustee Wheeler  Excused
Faculty Trustee Stork  Present
Student Trustee Newberry Present

Western State College President

Jay Helman

Others in Attendance

Brad Baca, Finance and Administration  John Sowell, Academic Affairs
Gary Pierson, Student Affairs          Tom Burggraf, WSC Foundation
Celeste Helminski, President’s Office  Patrick Stark, BASS
Tracey Koehler, Public Relations       Gregg Piburn, Leader’s Edge Consulting
Travis Berry, PoliticalWorks, LLC via teleconference
Nancy Wahl, Attorney General’s Office via teleconference

Recording technician: Jeramiah Friesen

I. Approval of the Agenda

Trustee Morton moved to approve the agenda with the deletion of the item, minutes from the February 24, 2011 board meeting. Trustee Hagan seconded. The motion carried.

II. Executive Session

Trustee Mark moved to go into Executive Session. Trustee Morton seconded. The motion carried. Executive session was called at 8:11 a.m.

The regular meeting reconvened at 8:15 a.m.

III. Approval of the Minutes

Trustee Rippy moved to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2011 meeting and the March 9, 2011 meeting. Trustee Hagan seconded. The motion carried.
IV. Action
   A. Personnel action and information items
      President Helman presented the personnel action and information items. Vice President Sowell provided background information on how emeritus status is determined. Trustee Mark moved to approve the personnel action and information items as presented. Trustee Morton seconded. The motion carried.

   B. Facilities master plan
      Vice President Baca presented this item and requested approval from the board. Discussion took place. Trustee Hagan moved to approve the facilities master plan as presented. Trustee Morton seconded. The motion carried.

   C. Resolution related to the Qualified Energy Conservation Bonds
      Vice President Baca presented this item. Discussion took place. Trustee Hagan moved to approve this item. Trustees Morton seconded. The motion carried.

   D. Amendment 5 to the Taylor Hall construction contract
      Vice President Baca presented this item. Discussion took place. Trustee Hagan moved to approve this item. Trustee Morton seconded. The motion carried.

   E. FY2010-11 education and general (E&G) fund budget amendments
      Vice President Baca presented this item. Discussion took place. Trustee Rippy moved to approve this item. Trustee Morton seconded. The motion carried.

   F. FY2011-12 tuition, fees, room and board rates
      Vice President Baca presented this item. Discussion took place. Trustee Hagan moved to approve this item as presented. Trustee Rippy seconded. The motion carried.

V. Reports
   A. Board Chair
      Chair Foote welcomed Gregg Piburn from Leader’s Edge Consulting who will be facilitating the afternoon board retreat. Chair Foote provided a follow up to the Board Resolution that was passed in February 2011.

   B. President
      President Helman:
      - Continued with follow up conversation on the Board Resolution.
      - Reported that today, March 25, 2011 is a campus preview day and there are 110 perspective students on campus with their families.
      - Asked Vice President Pierson to join and present information to the board regarding the process for naming the new student apartment complex. Vice President Pierson shared that a student contest will be crafted to name the new apartment complex and the top names will be brought to the board for final approval.
      - As part of Governor Hickenlooper’s bottom-up economic development conversation for the state of Colorado, President Helman is a member of a local economic development group to discuss economics in the Gunnison Valley.
Dr. Jessica Young has been appointed the interim Vice President for Academic Affairs to begin July 1, 2011. Dr. William Niemi has been named Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs as of July 1, 2011.

Spring Commencement will take place this year on Saturday, May 7, 2011 and all trustees are invited to participate in the events around commencement. Alum Von Washington has been named the commencement speaker for this occasion.

In anticipation of the 10-year accreditation review an internal campus self-study committee has been created.

C. Legislative update
Lobbyist Berry provided a legislative update. Discussion took place.

D. Faculty Trustee
Faculty Trustee Stork reported

- Student advising for next fall term is underway.
- The Center for Teaching Excellence has held many well attended professional development opportunities on campus this term.
- Assessment is on-going and is a vital component of program review.

Discussion took place.

E. Faculty Senate Chair
Faculty Senate Chair Stark

- Presented information on how advising takes place.
- Shared information about a new on-line program about to be launched; Degree Works. Degree Works will allow students to manipulate on-line how credits can be applied to their degree program or if the student was looking at changing a degree. This will greatly aid the student in planning and help with advising.

Discussion took place.

F. Student Trustee
Student Trustee Newberry reported:

- SGA will be adding a permanent sustainability liaison into the SGA constitution.
- A Club Sports Ambassador has also been added into the SGA constitution.
- A time capsule will be placed into Taylor Hall when the renovation is complete. One of the items that will be placed in this time capsule will be a winning essay from a current student contest taking place.
- The Top O’ the World will be moving into the College Center next fall term creating more synergy with the other student offices located in the College Center.

G. Vice President for Enrollment Management
President Helman reported on current enrollment information for Vice President Joyce.
H. WSC Foundation Executive Director
WSC Foundation Executive Director Burggraf:

- Reported that current year gift receipts are around the $3 million mark.
- A phone-a-thon / thank-a-thon reaching out to donors and alumni have been going on thanking all for support.
- Negotiations are currently underway for a second endowed chair for Professional Land and Resource Management.
- The Heritage 2 Horizon campaign is in the process of creating a list of the top 100 Alumni.
- The Foundation is the recipient of two new privately funded scholarships.
- The Foundation is in the process of discussing some possible new exciting funding opportunities for club sports in particular the ski and cycling teams.
- The Foundation is currently working with the department of Business, Accounting and Economics in establishing the Center for Executive Development. This center is scheduled to begin summer term 2011.
- This past Presidents Weekend celebrated the start of President Helman’s 10th year as president along with hosting the annual Alumni Ski Weekend. Over 200 alumni, friends and family participated.
- An alumni event was recently held in Denver celebrating an exhibit of alum Barry Clifford at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science with a sell-out group of 180 attendees.
- The foundation has contracted alum Josh Tobey to create a bronze sculpture of the Mountaineer Man for the outside entrance to the newly renovated Taylor Hall.
- A draft MOU response from the Foundation Board was presented to the Board of Trustees.
- Reported on the of the recent NAPE convention in Dallas, Texas that both students and faculty attended.

Discussion took place.

A break was called at 10:30 a.m.
The regular meeting reconvened at 10:55 a.m.

VI. Discussion/Information Items

A. FY2011-12 educational and general (E&G) fund budget
Vice President Baca presented a refined five year budget estimate (the C2 model). This model looks at possible budget variations over a five year period. Discussion took place.

VII. Written Reports
Chair Foote 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 11:40 a.m.