Minutes
Western State Colorado University Board of Trustees Meeting
Friday, April 19, 2013
Western State Colorado University

The Western State Colorado University Board of Trustees met on Friday, April 19, 2013 in the North Conference Room, Aspinall-Wilson Center, Western State Colorado University. The board meeting convened at 8:05 a.m. chaired by Trustee Wheeler.

Attendees

**Board of Trustees**
- Trustee Chisholm Present
- Trustee Clark Present
- Trustee Delaney Excused
- Trustee Hagan Present
- Trustee Mark Present
- Trustee Morton Excused
- Trustee Rippy Present
- Trustee Saltzman Present
- Trustee Wheeler Present
- Faculty Trustee Orth Present
- Student Trustee Hanifen Present

**Western State Colorado University President**
Jay Helman

**Others in Attendance**
- Brad Baca, Finance and Administration Tom Burggraf, WSCU Foundation
- Gary Pierson, Student Affairs Karen Copetas, Enrollment Management
- Janice Welborn, Academic Affairs Bill Niemi, Academic Affairs
- Claudia Tomany, Academic Affairs Roger Hudson, BAE
- Greg Waggoner, Athletics Erica Boucher, Academic Affairs
- Robin Bingham, NES Kristen Barker, Student presenter
- Francesca Pavillard-Cain, Student presenter David McEntire, WSCU Foundation
- Celeste Helmsinki, President’s Office Beth Butler, Wholess Partners
- Erica Weston, Attorney General’s Office via teleconference
- Rachel Lee, PoliticalWorks LLC via teleconference

Recording technician: Jeramiah Friesen

I. Approval of the Agenda

Trustee Rippy moved to amend the agenda adding Item D. under Section IV., Action Items; Appointment of Chair for the Presidential Search Committee and direction for this chair to begin the appropriate communication process to organize this committee and the addition of Item B. under Section VI., Discussion and Information Items; FY2013-14 current fund budgets. Trustee Hagan seconded. The motion carried.
II. **Executive Session**
Trustee Hagan moved to go into Executive Session. Trustee Mark seconded. Executive Session was called at 8:08 a.m.

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

III. **Approval of Minutes for the Board of Trustees Meeting of February 21-22, 2013, March 12, 2013 and April 2, 2013**
Trustee Mark moved to approve the minutes as presented. Trustee Chisholm seconded. The motion carried.

IV. **Action Items**
A. **Personnel action and information items**
   President Helman introduced this item. Trustee Saltzman moved to approve as presented. Trustee Hagan seconded. The motion carried.

B. **2013-14 Board of Trustees meeting schedule**
   Trustee Hagan moved to approve the schedule as presented. Trustee Rippy seconded. The motion carried.

C. **Revisions to the Trustee Policy Manual: name change**
   Executive Vice President Baca presented this item. Trustee Rippy moved to approve the policy manual changes as presented. Trustee Hagan seconded. The motion carried.

D. **Appointment of Chair Wheeler as the Presidential Search Committee Chair and the approval for the chair to begin structuring this committee**
   Trustee Hagan moved to approve this item. Trustee Chisholm seconded. The motion carried.

V. **Reports**
A. **Board Chair**
   - Chair Wheeler introduced Beth Butler of Wheless Partners, the search firm engaged to help with the Presidential Search.
   - Publicly acknowledged Student Trustee Haleigh Hanifen and thanked her for her service on the board this academic year.

B. **President**
   President Helman reported:
   - Commencement will take place on campus Saturday, May 11, 2013 and State Representative Millie Hamner is our guest speaker. All Trustees are invited to attend the events around graduation. Trustee Chisholm will be the keynote speaker at the annual Alumni Awards of Excellence Dinner scheduled for Friday, May 10, 2013.
   - Faculty has approved a policy revision regarding amorous relationships policy for consideration by the Administration. The Administration will review this with the Attorney General’s office and the office of Human Resources. The policy revision will be presented to the Board at a future meeting for approval.
• SB 165, Community College Bill, was defeated this legislative session. It is expected that this bill will be introduced again in the FY2013-14 legislative session.
• Winter air service to the Gunnison-Crested Butte Regional Airport will remain the same for the upcoming winter 2013-14 season.

C. Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
Associate Vice President Tomany reported for Academic Affairs. Associate Vice President Tomany provided a written report on the many faculty and department events taking place on campus this term.

D. Faculty Trustee
Faculty Trustee Orth reported:
• Spring term is coming to a close and the faculty is very busy with the term end.
• The spring Celebration of Scholarship will take place on campus April 23 and April 25, 2013.
• Successful Center for Teaching Excellence events took place this spring term bringing several outside speakers to campus presenting to the campus community.

E. Student Trustee
Student Trustee Hanifen shared:
• SGA is in the process of FY2013-14 elections where a new SGA President / Student Trustee will be elected.
• Student engagement on campus this spring term has been very successful.
• The Western Ambassadors program has received a high level of applicants for next school year.
• Due to increased interest, the 21+ Club have hosted several on-campus events.

F. Faculty Senate Chair
Faculty Senate Chair Hudson:
• Provided an overview of the curriculum approval process.
• The Faculty Handbook committee worked on the priorities of both the Amorous Relationship policy revisions and the Parental Leave policy revisions. Both have been presented to the Administration for review.

G. Vice President for Enrollment Management
Vice President Copetas:
• Shared information on the new logo/branding launch.
• Provided information on the Accepted Student Day on campus, April 19, 2013.
• Spoke about enrollment numbers and returning student numbers.
• Shared that Admissions is currently hiring two new front-range counselors and a search is underway for a new Director of Admissions.
• Shared strategies for recruitment and outreach efforts.

H. Vice President for Student Affairs
Vice President Pierson:
• An overview of the First-Year Experience / First-Year Seminar.
• Discussed the plans for the Sophomore Experience that will be launched this coming fall.
• Introduced student and Mountain Sports Team member Francesca Pavillard-Cain to the Board and shared her accomplishments of the season.

I. WSCU Foundation Executive Director
   • Executive Director Burggraf invited WSCU Foundation Board Chair David McEntire to join and address the Board.
   • Executive Director Burggraf presented the Board members with the recently published Foundation Report of Appreciation 2011-2012.

J. Legislative update
   Rachel Lee of PoliticalWorks, LLC presented an update on the legislative session covering the budget, capital construction and other issues.

A break was called at 10:50 a.m.
The regular meeting reconvened at 11:05 a.m.

VI. Discussion/Information Items
   A. Composite financial index
   Executive Vice President Baca presented on the composite financial index, a report required by the HLG. A variety of factors, including construction activity and reserve use, resulted in Western having a composite finance index score below zero. This score will trigger a review by the HLC along with reporting requirements for Western. Staff will keep the Board apprised of the status of this review. Discussion took place.

   B. FY2013-14 current fund budgets
   Executive Vice President Baca presented an overview of the FY2013-14 current fund budgets. Discussion took place. A conference call to approve the budget will be set for a date in May 2013.

VII. Written Reports
   Chair Wheeler asked if there were any questions on the written reports presented.

VIII. Presentation: Celebration of Scholarship
   Dr. Robin Bingham introduced this item to the Board providing an overview of the history and growth of the Celebration of Scholarship on campus. December 2012 graduate, Kristen Barker provided a presentation of her Scholarship of Celebration final report. Discussion took place.

IX. Public Comment
   No public comment was presented.

X. Adjournment
   The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.