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**Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes**

**February 10, 2023**

**Multipurpose Hall**

**I. Call to Order**

Vice Chair Stephen Jordan called the meeting to order at 8:37 a.m.

**II. Attendance**

Trustees Present: Trustee Babbs, Faculty Trustee Vaughan, Trustee Martinez, Trustee Dutta, Vice Chair Jordan, Student Trustee Harvey

Trustees Absent: Chair Monfort, Trustee Barela Rivera

Other Attendees: Allison Steg Haskett, Kirstin Fleming, Jennifer Almquist, Dale Pratt, President Feinstein, Dawit Senbet, Darren Dunn, Tobias Guzmán, Cedric Howard, Jacquelynn Rich Fredericks, Ben Rathke, Jason Runnells, Carmen Van Pelt, and members of the campus community.

**III. Approval of Minutes**

- A. Trustee Maia Babbs moved to approve the draft November 10 Finance & Audit Committee meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Trustee Christa Harvey. Motion passed.
- B. Trustee Annette Martinez moved to approve the draft November 11 Regular Board meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Trustee Babbs. Motion passed.
- C. Trustee Martinez moved to approve the draft minutes for the November 3, November 28, December 19, and January 23 Presidential Evaluation Committee meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Trustee Babbs. Motion passed.

**IV. Non-Member Officers**

- A. Trustee Martinez moved to approve the appointments of Jacquelynn Rich Fredericks as Secretary and Dale Pratt as Treasurer to the Board of Trustees. Motion was seconded by Trustee Babbs. Motion passed.

**V. Governance Reports – 8:42 a.m. to 9:22 a.m.**

- A. President's Report: The President provided his report from 8:42 a.m. to 8:48 a.m.



- B. Faculty Senate: Chair Dawit Senbet provided his report from 8:48 a.m. to 8:54 a.m.
- C. Student Senate: Trustee Harvey provided her report from 8:54 a.m. to 8:55 a.m. Trustee Harvey discussed the new Student Senate President and Chief of Staff, and referenced new constitution in Action Item 2/Tab J.
- D. Classified Staff Council: Vice Chair Veronica Secord provided her report from 8:55 a.m. to 8:59 a.m. Roni expressed thanks for inclusion in Presidential Evaluation and July 2022 raises.
- E. Professional Administrative Staff Council: Chair Cheyenne Hassebrock provided her report from 8:59 a.m. to 9:02 a.m.
- F. Legislative Update: Lobbyist Kayla Tibbals provided her report from 9:02 a.m. to 9:21 a.m. Kayla expressed thanks for the Board's letter in support of funding the College of Osteopathic Medicine that was sent to the Governor's office. She shared that in recent meetings with the Governor's office and the legislature, they are engaged in higher education bills. There have been recent amendments to the bill regarding first generation students. The Governor has requested an additional \$69 million for higher education.
- G. Board Chair: No report.

**VI. Public Comment – 9:23 a.m.**

- A. An opportunity for public comment was provided at 9:23 a.m. None were given.

**VII. Information Items – 9:24 a.m.**

- A. Finance and Audit Committee Report: Trustee Babbs provided the Finance and Audit Committee Report at 9:24 a.m.
  - 1. Discussed clean audit, clean NCAA audit, and robust discussion surrounding 4-6% potential tuition increase.

**10 MINUTE BREAK**

- B. Presidential Evaluation Committee Report: Trustee Martinez provided the Presidential Evaluation Committee Report at 10:08 a.m.
- C. Colorado Trustee Network Update: Vice Chair Jordan provided the Colorado Trustee Network Update at 10:15 a.m.
- D. Rowing, Not Drifting 2030 – Key Action 4



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1. President Feinstein provided information on First Quarter Phase II Implementation Progress at 10:18 a.m.
  2. Vice President Tobias Guzmán provided the Empower Inclusivity Tactic Report at 10:22 a.m.
- E. Higher Learning Commission Reaccreditation Update
1. President Feinstein introduced topic at 11:02 a.m.
  2. HLC Accreditation Liaison Kim Black discussed topic at 11:05 a.m.
- F. Board Bylaw No. 10 Personnel Report: General Counsel Rich Fredericks provided the Personnel Report at 11:18 a.m.

**VIII. Action Items – 11:18 a.m.**

- A. Approval of College of Osteopathic Medicine Update by Founding Dean Beth Longenecker at 11:18 a.m.
1. Brief discussion ensued.
  2. Moved by Trustee Martinez, seconded by Trustee Babbs.
  3. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Approval of Student Government Restructure by Trustee Harvey at 11:39 a.m.
1. Brief discussion ensued.
  2. Moved by Trustee Martinez, seconded by Trustee Prateek Dutta.
  3. Motion passed unanimously.

**IX. Special Presentation & Spotlight on American Sign Language and Interpreting Studies with Drs. Barbara Garrett and Leilani Johnson – 11:48 a.m.**

- A. Introduction by President Feinstein
- B. Presentation by ASLIS

**X. Executive Session – 12:28 p.m. to 12:49 p.m.**

- A. Vice Chair Jordan sought motion to go into Executive Session.
1. Moved by Martinez, seconded by Dutta.
  2. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Vice Chair Jordan called the Board of Trustees into executive session pursuant to §§ 24-6-402(3)(a)(II), –(b)(I), and –(d), C.R.S., to receive legal advice and to discuss personnel matters unique to one employee about the comprehensive Presidential Evaluation Process at 12:05 p.m.
- C. General Counsel Rich Fredericks provided public record affirmation at 12:49 p.m.



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**IX. Special Presentation & Spotlight on American Sign Language and Interpreting Studies with Drs. Barbara Garrett and Leilani Johnson, cont. – 12:50 p.m.**

C. Continuation of presentation by ASLIS to 1:02 p.m.

**VIII. Action Items, cont. – 1:03 p.m.**

C. Approval of Personnel: Faculty Sabbaticals by Provost Kirstin Fleming at 1:03 p.m.

1. Moved by Trustee Martinez, seconded by Trustee Babbs.
2. Motion passed unanimously.

D. Approval of Curriculum Updates by Provost Fleming at 1:04 p.m.

1. Action Items

- a. Undergrad PVA Certificate – Theatre Design and Technology
- b. Undergrad HSS Certificate – Geography, GIS, and Sustainability
- c. Undergrad NHS Degrees – Computer Science and Statistics, and Doctorate NHS Degree in Mathematics Education
- d. Undergrad MCB Certificate – Entrepreneurship
- e. Moved by Trustee Babbs, seconded by Trustee Dutta.
- f. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Information Items by Provost Fleming at 1:27 p.m.

- a. Academic Unit & Associated Program Name Changes
- b. Adding Concentrations to the Elementary Education B.A.
- c. Updating Concentrations to the Music B.A.
- d. Program Deactivations

E. Board Policy Manual Amendments at 1:30 p.m.

1. Faculty Allocation 60-20-20 for R-2
  - a. Moved by Trustee Babbs, seconded by Trustee Martinez
  - b. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Add “ethnicity” as a protected category in the BPM and University Regs
  - a. Moved by Trustee Babbs, seconded by Trustee Martinez
  - b. Motion passed unanimously.

**XI. Adjournment**

A. Vice Chair Jordan sought motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:32 p.m.

1. Moved by Trustee Dutta, seconded by Trustee Babbs.