

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Golden, Colorado
June 6, 2009

The Board of Trustees held a planning retreat on June 6, 2009 in the General Research Laboratory conference room.

Present: Trustees Cowart, DeFilippo, Hutson, Nyikos, Spaanstra, Tschatschula; Faculty Trustee Dorgan and Student Trustee Dubetz Absent: Trustee Fox.

Also in attendance: President Scoggins, Provost Middleton, Senior Vice President Volpi, Vice President Poate, Chief of Staff Han and Student Trustee-elect Damian Illing.

Trustee Nyikos presided.

Discussion. The merits of the various forms of governance and relationship with the State of Colorado were discussed as possible strategies to address the expected cuts in state funding. Public authority status drew the most interest. Peter Han presented an analysis of benefits and challenges with becoming a public authority. President Scoggins will form a subcommittee to further analyze and discuss the institution's relationship with the state.

Other strategies to increase revenue were discussed including increasing graduate school and differential tuition for programs (including by major). Possible ballot initiatives were also discussed, including the use of special tax districts and increasing severance tax for higher education.

Broad discussions on the School's mission and admission standards were led by Peter Han. Most agreed that current program offerings fulfilled the School's mission. Faculty Trustee Dorgan suggested that a major in renewable energy engineering would put Mines on the map for top students nationally.

Also, there was general agreement that increasing admission standards would benefit Mines. President Scoggins has asked the Graduate School to examine ways to ensure consistent admission standards in all graduate programs.

Executive Session. The Trustees went into executive session to review the President's performance evaluation and discuss the next year's goals.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Secretary