

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Colorado School of Mines
Golden, Colorado
October 20, 2010

The Board of Trustees met in special session on October 20, 2010 via teleconference.

Present: Trustees Bliss, Cowart, Hutson, Misra, and Truly; Student Trustee Bristow and Faculty Trustee Dorgan. Absent: Trustee Spaanstra.

Also in attendance: President Scoggins, Senior Vice President Volpi, Vice President Fox, Chief of Staff Han, and Associate Counsel Henry.

Trustee Hutson presided.

Special Session. The Trustees convened in special session at 10:00 a.m. Trustee Hutson indicated that Trustee Spaanstra was traveling and unable to participate in the conference call and that he had given his proxy to Trustee Bliss.

Ballot Initiatives. President Scoggins provided background information to the Trustees on the potential financial impacts to the School regarding Amendment 60, Amendment 61 and Proposition 101. Trustee Bliss made a motion, seconded by Trustee Cowart, to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Colorado School of Mines hereby opposes three ballot measures known as Amendments 60, 61, and Proposition 101 and urge the defeat of these measures as the November 2, 2010 General Election. The Board also hereby endorses the Statement of Resolution in Support of Coloradans for Responsible Reform.

Following discussion, motion carried. The Trustees directed Ms. Carol Chapman to submit a signed Statement of Resolution to Coloradans for Responsible Reform.

President Scoggins provided background information on some of the potential unintended consequences of Amendment 63 as it relates to the School's health services programs. Trustee Truly made a motion, seconded by Trustee Misra, to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Colorado School of Mines expresses concern that the ballot measure known as Amendment 63 could negatively impact the institution's existing health services and programs, and make the institution susceptible to financial liabilities in the future. Due to the unique characteristics of a university community, the

Board of Trustees believes that an institution of higher education should be enabled to provide health services and programs that ensure the well-being of all students, faculty, and staff as it deems appropriate, implement necessary fees and policies to fund these services and programs, and protect itself from unintended financial liabilities.

Following discussion, motion carried with Trustee Cowart abstaining.

Higher Education Strategic Plan. President Scoggins remarked that the Colorado Commission on Higher Education is required to update a master plan for the system of public institutions every ten years. Given the challenges facing higher education and the State, Governor Ritter commissioned a planning committee to develop a strategic plan for higher education. At its October 7, 2010 meeting, the Commission adopted the draft recommendations of the Higher Education Strategic Planning committee. The input of the various governing boards on the draft strategic plan is needed by October 21, 2010.

The Trustees reviewed the draft letter of response and made suggestions to strengthen several key points and to add information related to the exemplary institution legislation. The letter will be modified as directed by the board and submitted to the CCHE on behalf of the Board by the October 21 deadline.

Other Business. Trustee Hutson reported that Trustee Fox has sent a letter of resignation from the Board of Trustees to Governor Ritter, effective October 14, 2010. Given her recent appointment to the Court of Appeals, Ms. Fox indicated she felt she should resign to avoid any appearance of conflict of interest. In her letter she expressed her gratitude for the opportunity to have been part of the CSM Board of Trustees and her appreciation to her fellow Trustees.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 10:30 a.m.