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## **Record of Proceedings**

### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES**

#### ***MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING***

Monday, October 31, 2011

#### **COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES**

**1500 ILLINOIS ST., COORS BOARD ROOM**

Chairman Spaanstra called the Board of Trustees to order in regular session at 8:30am on Oct. 31, 2011 in the Coors Board Room. Trustees present were Spaanstra, Misra, Hutson, Truly, Bliss, Student Trustee Earle, Faculty Trustee Dorgan, and Vallejo (call in). Trustee Cowart was absent. Select CSM executives and directors were also present, including President Scoggins, Provost Parker, Senior V.P. Middleton, V.P. Poate, V.P. Trubacz, V.P. Winklebaurer, V. P. Fox, Assoc. V.P. Dougherty, Dean Boyd, Mr. Han, Ms. Walker, and Ms. Nichol.

#### **II A. Approval of Minutes**

Moved by Trustee Bliss, seconded by Trustee Hutson, that the minutes of September 16, 2011 be approved. Motion carried 6-0 (Trustee Cowart not in attendance).

#### **B. Reports**

Board Committee Reports: \_\_\_\_\_ Trustee Bliss reported that the Financial and Audit Committee met on October 17, 2011. The 2012 financial results discussed, committee agreed that Mines was in a good position. Committee supportive of Wright Wellness Center budget increase and of negotiating for the 1801 19<sup>th</sup> St. property. Strategic Committee briefly discussed commercialization, which will be discussed in greater detail with Trustees at a later date. No Executive Committee report.

President's Report: \_\_\_\_\_ President Scoggins introduced two new administrative faculty members, Joe Trubacz, Senior V.P. of Finance and Administration, and Kristi Gitkind, Special Assistant to the President.

President Scoggins asked Director of Facilities Management Gary Bowersock to provide an update on campus construction. Brown Hall is going through the punch list items, Maple Plaza will be completed by the end of November. The Weaver Tower move will occur November 5 and 6 with expected completion of the project in spring 2012. Marcus Hall is on schedule to be complete in summer 2012. If the budget increase is approved, the Wright Wellness Center work will begin in November, 2011.

President Scoggins asked Dean of Graduate Studies Tom Boyd to provide an update. Graduate applications up 30% over last year.

President Scoggins gave an overview of recent events. The President's Diversity Breakfast on Sept 2 featured a speaker from the University of Michigan. The Century Society dinner was well-attended, well-received, and philanthropy awards included the Tourmaline Award, presented to Professor Emeritus

Frank Stermole and his wife Dot Stermole at the September 23 soccer match. This month CSM co-hosted an event for Dr. Daniel Yergin as part of his national book tour for *The Quest*. Dr. Yergin praised the event and made a commitment to give on-campus seminars in the future.

The Geophysics Visiting Committee was on campus this month with great representation from both the academy and industry. The committee provided valuable programmatic recommendations and pointed out the need for a new Geophysics facility.

President Scoggins met with a number of alumni and industry contacts in Houston in September, including BP and Shell. All commented on the strength of CSM academics and position as a destination university, and expressed their continued support.

The Foundation Board of Governors met on October 21, 2011 for new member Orientation and their regular meeting, which included presentations from CSM V.P.s on strategic enterprise and organizational restructure. Trustee Truly asked if there was any restriction on trustees participating in fundraising activities. CSM Legal has reviewed statutes and there is no express prohibition on fundraising. Trustee Spaanstra commented on the importance of keeping the governance of CSM and the CSM Foundation separate, but expressed that the Board of Trustees should feel free to support fundraising efforts, and Trustee Truly agreed.

President Scoggins referred the Trustees to the October 25, 2011 letter to CCHE. The letter, signed by the presidents of all state public higher education institutions, proposed an allocation model that would define up-front budget reductions for each institution, based on the proposed \$29 million decrease in the FY 2013 General Fund budget. If accepted, the CSM General Fund allocation will be reduced by \$1.3 million in FY 2013.

President Scoggins and Chairman Spaanstra will attend a higher education summit on Dec. 2 at the invitation of the governor and Lt. governor.

Research Activities Report: V.P. for Research and Technology Transfer John Poate highlighted research for July and August. Research is particularly strong in Metallurgical and Materials Engineering, Chemical and Biological Engineering, CEE, and Geophysics, with strong award sponsorship from National Science Foundation, industry, and national labs.

Financial Report: Director of Financial Planning and Business Operations Vicki Nichol discussed the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter report, which shows a typical pattern for Mines with increased net assets due to the timing difference between the recognition of tuition and the associated payroll expense through the second quarter. After fall census, Ms. Nichol projected an increase in revenue of \$3.3 million and a decrease in expenses of \$1 million, resulting in new projected unrestricted net revenue over expenses to be \$3.07 million. Trustee Dorgan pointed out the research and instruction budgets may appear off since there are a number of positions currently being filled and the search process takes time. Trustee Bliss thanked Ms. Nichol for her strong work with the Finance Committee while the Senior V.P. of Finance and Administration position was unfilled.

### **C. Action Items**

Emeritus Recommendation: Provost Terry Parker recommended Emeritus Status for retiring Professor John B. Curtis from Geology. Moved to approve by Trustee Truly, seconded by Trustee Spaanstra. Motion carried 6-0.

Wright Wellness Center Budget Update: \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Facilities Management Gary Bowersock gave an update of the project's original 2009 budget. Due to poor soils conditions, the building needed re-siting, which resulted in a more expensive foundation and conflict with overhead electrical lines. After value engineering and re-bidding the project, Mr. Bowersock recommends increasing the project's budget by \$400,000 over the approved 2009 budget of \$2,799,000. The difference would be paid with excess funds from the Weaver Tower and Maple Hall construction, which are \$600,000 under budget. Moved to approve adding \$400,000 to Wright Wellness Center Budget by Trustee Bliss, seconded by Trustee Misra. Motion carried 6-0.

Purchase of 1801 19<sup>th</sup> St. Property: \_\_\_\_\_ Chief of Staff Peter Han discussed an opportunity to purchase the building which currently houses the Jefferson County Health Department. The Foundation Board of Governors have discussed and approved a Foundation grant for the purchase, which would house Foundation staff, with CSM maintaining ownership. Trustee Spaanstra suggested moving the item to Executive Session (see below) so as not to undermine negotiations with Jefferson County.

Treasurer: \_\_\_\_\_ A resolution was introduced for Joe Trubacz, new CSM Senior V.P. of Finance and Administration, to become Treasurer to the Board of Trustees. President Scoggins stated that this was standard practice. Moved to approve by Trustee Bliss, seconded by Trustee Misra. Motion carried 6-0.

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Colorado School of Mines Board of Trustees hereby appoints Mr. Joe Trubacz as Treasurer of the Colorado School of Mines Board of Trustees, and as Chief Financial Officer of Colorado School of Mines, effective this date. INTRODUCED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED on October 31, 2011.*

Honorary Doctorate: \_\_\_\_\_ A resolution was introduced to honor CSM December Commencement speaker Richard O'Brien, President and CEO of Newmont Mining, with an honorary doctorate in engineering. This is traditionally done for all commencement speakers. Moved to approve by Trustee Misra, seconded by Trustee Hutson. Motion carried 6-0.

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Colorado School of Mines hereby recognizes the outstanding professional achievements of Richard O'Brien, President and CEO of Newmont Mining Corporation, and approves the granting of an honorary doctorate of engineering to Mr. O'Brien, to be conferred on him on the occasion of his upcoming Commencement Address on December 16, 2011. INTRODUCED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED on October 31, 2011.*

#### **D. Information Items**

Sabbatical Report: \_\_\_\_\_ Provost Parker reported that a 1 or 2 semester sabbatical is available to faculty after 6 years of service. Purpose is to expand skill set and bring new skills and insight back to CSM. For the 2010-11 year, 7 faculty took a full year sabbatical and 6 took a 1 semester sabbatical. Dr. Parker named the faculty, department and the institution each visited. Projects ranged from research and instruction at other universities to progress towards publishing. President Scoggins encouraged the Board to review the full sabbatical report and suggest topics of interest for future presentations to the Board.

Admissions and Financial Aid Strategies: \_\_\_\_\_ Presenter was out ill. Presentation rescheduled for next meeting.

Faculty Senate Report: Senate President Tony Dean discussed a series of lunchtime research meetings/talks that have been moderately successful but relayed that the senate believes the turnout would be better at another time. Senate is supporting graduate students in putting together talks and soliciting distinguished lecturers, as well as through the setup a financial "safety net" (with Alumni Association grants) for soon-to-be-graduating students who have lost their project funding. The Senate is working with Student Life to resolve issues around excused absences for club activities as well as supporting Retention Committee efforts. Trustee Misra expressed interest in how often Faculty Senate activities and events occurred, how they were announced, and who was invited to attend. Dr. Dean stated that the Senate has recently updated their website as part of an effort to improve overall communications.

**D. Regular Written Reports**      No question or discussion

### **III. Executive Session**

Trustee Hutson made a motion, seconded by Misra, to go into executive session at 9:40 a.m. to receive legal advice pursuant to §24-6-402 (3)(a)(II), C.R.S. Motion carried 6-0.

### **Regular Session**

Purchase of 1801 19<sup>th</sup> St. Property      The Trustees reconvened to regular session at 10:05am. Trustee Bliss amended the resolution. Seconded by Hutson, approved 5-0 (Trustee Vallejo departed phone conversation at 10:00am).

*BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Colorado School of Mines hereby approves of the School negotiating the purchase of and acquiring the property at 1801 19<sup>th</sup> Street in Golden, Colorado, and directs the School's President or his designee to negotiate the financial and other asset exchange terms and conditions, as needed and appropriate, within the parameters previously endorsed by the Executive Committee of the CSM Foundation Board of Governors.*

There being no other business, the regular meeting was adjourned at 10:10am.

  
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Secretary, Board of Trustees