

*Approved at the 1/30/15 meeting*  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES**  
**MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING**  
Dec. 11, 2014  
**COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES**  
**1500 ILLINOIS ST., COORS BOARD ROOM**

Chairman Spaanstra called the Board of Trustees to order in regular session at 1:15pm in the Coors Boardroom.

Trustees present: Spaanstra, Bliss, Truly, Vallejo, Haddon, Illangasekare, Miller, and Jorden.

Trustees absent: Cowart

Select CSM executives and directors were also present including President Scoggins, Provost Parker, AP Tom Boyd, AVP Heather Boyd, EVP Volpi, VP Fox, Dean Graves, SVP Dean, Dean Moore, AVP Dougherty, Ms. Walker, Mr. Han, Dr. Walls, Foundation President and COO Winkelbauer, and Dr. Knauss.

**A. Consent Agenda**

Trustee Bliss moved to approve the October 31 meeting minutes, graduation list, Board of Trustees Honors Scholarship Revision, Housing Fee, and CO Merit Aid, seconded by Trustee Haddon. Motion approved 6-0.

**B. Reports**

Committee reports \_\_\_\_\_ Trustee Vallejo reported that the Investment Advisory Committee met on Dec. 1 to review the first quarter cash position and to approve issuance of their first report to the state. The Finance and Audit committee also met that day to review the Oct. 30 financial statements, the external audit report, and to update the internal audit schedule.

President Scoggins reminded the Board of Dr. Poate's year end retirement and that they had previously voted to award him emeritus status and an honorary doctorate. The latter will be conveyed at the May 2015 commencement. Dr. Scoggins gave an update on community college transfer agreements and discussed the new program with Community College of Denver. He also noted that Mines Athletics enjoyed a successful fall season. Dr. Scoggins asked select executives to provide area updates. Mr. Han stated that higher education funding model HB1390 was approved by the CO Commission on Higher Education and is under review by the Joint Budget Committee. AVP Boyd noted that Admissions is working with the Multicultural Engineering Program to reach out to underrepresented students to encourage them to apply. The trustees inquired as to the benefit of moving to the "common application." AVP Boyd explained this is not currently used at Mines out of concern that it increases applications, but does not necessarily increase yield. Dr. Boyd noted that new graduate enrollment for Spring 2015 is projected to increase to 125, up from 108 in Spring 2014.

Research Activities \_\_\_\_\_ Dr. Dean provided an update of Research activities, highlighting recent grants.

Environmental Health and Safety \_\_\_\_\_ Ms. Volpi provided an update of recent activities, including two recent air quality investigations in Green Center. The 2014 laboratory safety assessment recommendations to increase training, standardize policies and procedures, and enhance a “safety culture” are being implemented.

Financial Report \_\_\_\_\_ Ms. Volpi reviewed October 30 financial statements.

### **C. Information Items**

Capital Projects Update \_\_\_\_\_ Ms. Volpi provided an update of capital projects, including that the Elm Dining Hall final health inspection will occur in late December and would open just before the spring semester starts. The Clear Creek Athletics Center is on time and on budget, the Welcome Center is on schedule with an anticipated opening of summer 2015, the CoorsTek Center program plan development is in process, and the Student Center renovation budget plan will be presented to the trustees in January. Trustee Miller noted that Athletics believes that CCAC has had a positive impact on recruiting.

Review of June 30, 2014 Audited Financial Statement \_\_\_\_\_ Ms. Volpi provided a review of the 2014 Audited Financial Statement. There were no material weaknesses or noncompliance instances. The auditors had one recommendation for implementing training procedures regarding contractor suspension and debarment requirements for federal-funded programs.

Energy and Policy Institute Overview \_\_\_\_\_ Division Director Dr. Walls provided an update of the Earth Resources Institute (ERI) and a quick overview of the Economics and Business Division. The ERI mission is to inform and shape sound public policy on earth resources, energy, and the environment. ERI provides an umbrella for research and policy efforts that are interdisciplinary and collaborative in nature, and they just received a \$500K investment to establish mini grant program.

CASA Overview \_\_\_\_\_ Director Colin Terry presented an overview of the Center for Academic Services and Advising (CASA), which is a partnership between academic affairs and student affairs. CASA works with 2,100 students; each engage in an advising session each semester and participate in after-hours recitations, coaching, tutoring, and counseling. Trustee Miller stated that students find CASA very valuable.

CSM Foundation Overview \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Winkelbauer provided an overview on the foundation and how private support helps support facilities and services on campus. Over the past four years, total donors have decreased slightly but total funding commitment has drastically increased. Most gifts are restricted, which is compatible with Foundation philosophy of aligning university needs with donor passions and interests.

Faculty Senate \_\_\_\_\_ Dr. Knauss provided an update of faculty senate activities including the faculty trustee election.

Chairman Spaanstra asked Dr. Fox if student outcomes and hiring has been impacted by the volatility in oil prices. Career Services is watching this closely and is encouraging students to respond to job offers promptly.

Trustee Vallejo made a motion to go into executive session, seconded by Trustee Haddon. Approved 6-0. Executive session began at 3:15pm. Trustee Truly motioned to move back into regular session, seconded by Trustee Bliss. Executive session ended at 4:30pm.

There being no other business, the regular session ended at 4:35pm.