

Aims Community College Board Minutes
October 3, 2007
Greeley Campus, College Center Room 727-728

Aims District Board Meeting

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:40 PM by Board President Ken Nickerson.

II. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

Action item VIIb, Request for President Emeritus status for Dr. George Conger, will be added to the agenda.

ON MOTION OF BETH BASHOR THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE AGENDA AS AMENDED. (Sandy Neb excused)

III. Citizen Participation

There was no request for citizen participation.

IV. President's Report – Dr. Liddell

a. Financial Update – Susan Dale

Ms. Dale was present to answer questions for the Board. A Trustee asked for the final amount of student financial aid awarded for fall semester. Ms. Dale replied that the total for fall will be over \$750,000, 70% of which will go to Aims scholarships and 7% to the emerging scholars program.

b. Foundation Update – Julie Buderus

Ms. Buderus expressed her appreciation to the Board, along with college administration and staff, for their support of the new buildings and the capital campaign. She has also received confirmation of a donation from the El Pomar Foundation for \$100,000.

c. Construction Update – Don Plant

Don Plant reported to the Board that Aims had received the final Certificate of Occupancy for the new Allied Health and Sciences building on October 2. He noted that the contractors were working on punch list items in the administration wing and that the move into that wing should begin the week of October 12. Mr. Plant also reported that all asbestos has been removed from Beaty Hall and all demolition work has been completed in the building, except for electrical systems. The contractors plan to work from east to west in Beaty Hall and have set December 20 as their target completion date.

d. President's Executive Summary

- Dean Jeff Reynolds presented statistics on registration for the online AA degree, as requested by the Board in August. During fall semester Aims posted 857 FTE in online classes. This number is comparable to the average online registration for the Colorado Community Consortium system. Dean Reynolds added that Aims has received confirmation from the Higher

Learning Commission that the Online AA program has been approved to begin in Fall Semester 2008.

- Dr. Liddell informed the Board that Dr. Bob Spooler, President of Colorado Mountain College, will be retiring in June.
- The State Demographers office hopes to have the additional information requested by the Board at the Board District reallocation workshop by mid-October.
- There is no action item on the purchase of the Lind property in today's agenda, as the counter proposal was received just this morning.
- In the CCHE final enrollment report for 2006-07 Aims was one of only four colleges in the state that saw an increase in student population and one of two with an increase in resident student enrollment.
- Sunflower Market project: Jim Vetting reported that DownUnder LLC took their elevation plans to the city. Comments were minimal and they expect to have a final agreement in next 30 days.
- City Councilperson Debbie Pilch requested endorsement for ballot initiative 2B, for support of public transportation in Greeley. After discussion, the Board chose not to put forward a motion on the issue.
- The opening for the internal auditor position has been posted for one month and to date there are no candidates. The Board discussed the use of a placement firm and the salary range for the position was also discussed. It was confirmed that while the salary range was not published, it is competitive for the position. The Board approved the use of a placement agency for this opening.

V. Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes of the September 5, 2007 District Board Meeting
- b. Administrator, Faculty and Exempt Employee Hires:
 - **Barbara Crane, Program Coordinator I, Learning Resources, exempt staff, replacement**
 - **Rachel Davis, Executive Student Services Specialist, Student Success Center, exempt staff, replacement**
 - **Mary Ann Dudley, Nursing Faculty, Allied Health Department, replacement**
 - **Mary Gabriel, Program Coordinator II, Academic Resource Center, exempt staff, replacement**
 - **Kellie Richardson, Allied Health Advisor, Student Success Center, exempt staff, replacement**
 - **Mary Stenger, Senior Advisor, Loveland Campus, exempt staff, replacement**

ON MOTION OF RICHARD BOND THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. (Sandy Neb excused)

VI. Information Items

- a. Board Calendar
 - Dr. Liddell reminded the Board of the following dates:
 - October 20 - Aims 40th Anniversary Showcase.
 - November 2 (7:00 – 9:00 PM) - Evening of Celebration

- November 7 (3:30 – 7:00 PM) Community Open House.
- A Board member asked why the college is open on New Years Eve. Dr. Liddell explained that the college is closed for winter break over the week in which Christmas falls. This year, the college would reopen on Monday, December 31 and close again for New Years Day on Tuesday. The Board discussed whether this was a good schedule for the college and employees.

ON MOTION OF BETH BASHOR, THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO CLOSE THE COLLEGE ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 31. (Sandy Neb excused)

- b. Non-exempt Employee Hires:
 - Dennis Borelli, Staff Executive, Loveland Campus, non-exempt staff, replacement
 - Margaret Carleton, Staff Associate, TPSALS Division, non-exempt staff, replacement
 - Christina Powell, Staff Associate, Facilities and Operations, non-exempt staff, replacement
- c. Retiring or Leaving the Employ of the College:
 - Linda Aldrich, Associate Professor, English and Humanities
 - Steve Alkire, Program Coordinator I, Educational Services
 - Joy Elder, Senior Programmer Analyst, Info Resources Management
 - Valerie Kerbel, Staff Specialist, Allied Health
 - Sue Leibold, Librarian, Kiefer Library
 - Veronica Nicholson, Staff Associate, Facilities Operations

VII. Action Items

- a. Resolution on House Bill 07-1256 concerning in-state tuition.
House Counsel Sandra Owens presented a resolution created at Board request and pointed out that as there were questions on granting in-district tuition, she drafted the resolution for in-state tuition only. A Trustee asked her to investigate the issues with granting in-district tuition in these situations and asked that if someone comes in with needs, the question should be brought back to the Board of Trustees.

ON MOTION OF RICHARD BOND, THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION AS PRESENTED TO OFFER IN-STATE, TUITION TO STUDENTS WHOSE COMPANY RELOCATES TO COLORADO DUE TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES. (Sandy Neb excused)

- b. Request for President Emeritus status for Dr. George Conger.
Board of Trustees member Bernie Kinnick requested that the Board approve President Emeritus status for retired President Dr. George Conger, citing his length of service and extraordinary contributions to Aims. Board President Ken Nickerson gave his full support to the proposal.

ON MOTION OF BERNIE KINNICK, THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO CONFER PRESIDENT EMERITUS STATUS ON DR. GEORGE CONGER. (Sandy Neb excused)

The Board of Trustees requested that a letter be sent to Dr. Conger informing him of the honor and that he be recognized at the November board meeting.

VIII. Comments from Board Members

- **Ken Nickerson stated that the Board had given a difficult set of directions to the college earlier this year when they asked the president to reduce staff through the buyout program and bring staffing numbers more in-line with state institutions. It was an arduous and difficult task, but in retrospect it was good for the college. He added that he had spoken to many employees who had taken the buy out and they were happy to have been given the opportunity. He stated that there has been some confusion, but that is not unusual in such situations and the college has moved efficiently through the transition period. He concluded by saying that the Board continues to support and value employees as evidenced by the additional holiday just granted.**

IX. Comments from Board Reps

I. Faculty (Marsha Driskill or Alysyan Broda, ACEA Board Reps)

Board rep Marsha Driskill asked about the planning for the new west campus, adding that she hoped that faculty would be included in the planning. Dr. Liddell assured Professor Driskill that faculty would once again be involved in the planning process, adding that the first step in planning will be to engage a master planning architect, which may not occur until the new Board is seated.

II. Aims Staff Association (Carrie Schaefer-Randolph or Bonnie Steele, ASA Board Reps)

Bonnie Steele invited Board members to the ASA fall breakfast on October 31.

III. ASACC (Mike Borden, ASACC President)

Since ASACC President Mike Borden was unable to attend the meeting, Dr. Liddell reminded the Board of the ASACC sponsored Board Candidate's.

IIX. Adjourn

ON MOTION OF BETH BASHOR, THE BOARD ADJOURNED AT 3:26 PM.