

Aims Community College
Board Meeting Minutes
September 3, 2008
College Center Room 727-728

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:43 PM by Board President Beth Bashor. Other Board members present included Richard Bond, Mike Geile, Sandy Neb and Walt Richter. College President Dr. Marsi Liddell was also in attendance.

II. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

College President Marsi Liddell noted that the Board will adjourn to Executive Session in CCTR Room 726, not the Loveland Conference Room as listed in the agenda.

**ON MOTION OF WALT RICHTER THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY
APPROVED THE AGENDA AS AMENDED.**

III. Citizen Participation

There was no request for citizen participation.

IV. President's Report – Dr. Liddell

a. Financial Update – Mike Kelly

Mike Kelly was present to answer questions about the Financial Report. Mr. Kelly indicated that his staff are still working with the auditor. The board had no questions about the financial report.

b. Tuition Benefit for Aims Employees

Dr. Liddell reminded the Board of Trustees that as part of the faculty consultation agreement, the Board agreed to extend tuition reimbursement benefits to colleges and universities beyond UNC. She explained to the board that while this was brought to the Board as part of the faculty agreement, the intention was that the benefit would be extended to all benefited employees. She assured the board that funds were available to offer this benefit.

c. President's Executive Summary

- In the Board packet, is a copy of a letter from Dr. Liddell to Governor Bill Ritter thanking him for his positive comments about Aims Community College and our efforts in training for the renewable energy industry.
- Also in the packet is an article written by Paula Yanish and Marti Demarest on the Emerging Scholars program and published by the Consortium for Student Retention Data Exchange (CSRDE)
- Dr. Liddell pointed out a copy of a thank you to Heather Lelchook and the Aims Downtown Center for their partnership with UNC to offer the "One Day University" in July.
- Two Tribune articles were included in the Board Packet, one crediting Aims for bringing students into town for fire science conferences and

- The Aims Board of Trustees has received a certificate from ACCT recognizing the Board as “Members in Good Standing.” This certificate will be posted in the College Center. Dr. Liddell also mentioned that an Aims team, made up of herself; Walt Richter, Trustee and Karoline Woodruff, Chief of Staff to the Board, will present at the annual Fall Congress in New York City at the end of October.
- Dr. Liddell told the Board that she has been invited to join the Colorado Energy Coalition. This commission was first formed by Governor Owens and will continue in the Ritter administration. It is an attempt to examine the workforce and training needs for the energy industry in Colorado.
- She showed the September 1, regional, subscription edition of Time Magazine. This issue includes a Toyota advertisement highlighting the College Promise scholarship program initiated by Scott Ehrlich.
- She also pointed out the copies of pages from the Style Magazine Professional Women in Northern Colorado edition, featuring Brenda Rask & Gina West. She noted that the college is very proud of them for representing Aims.

V. Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes of the August 6, 2008 District Board Meeting
- b. Administrator, Faculty and Exempt Employee Hires:
 - **Jaimee Collins, Nursing Instructor, Division 2, faculty, replacement**
 - **Gina Jones, Accounting Instructor, Division 1, faculty, replacement**
 - **Debbie Major, Interim Associate Dean, Learning and Organizational Development, administrator, replacement**
 - **Sonya PauKune, Art Instructor, Division 1, faculty, replacement**
 - **Amy Riley, Anthropology Instructor, Division 1, faculty, replacement**
 - **Catherine Stacey, Lead Child Development Professional, MECEC, exempt staff, replacement**

ON MOTION OF RICHARD BOND, THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

VI. Information Items

- a. Board Calendar

Dr. Liddell reviewed the Board Calendar and specifically mentioned the October Board of Trustees meeting on October 1, as well as the annual board retreat and the community open house for Beaty Hall on October 10.
- b. Retiring or Leaving the Employ of the College:
 - Donna Monat, Director of Purchasing
 - Scott Newkirk, Instructional Lab Coordinator, Division 1
 - Michelle Sonnenberg, Data Specialist, Institutional Research
 - Karen Van Riper, Accountant, Financial Services

VII. Action Items

- a. Annual Renewal of Hearing Officers
 - Kent L. Jackson, Ph.D.
 - Judith P. Jones, Ph.D
 - Sue Spooner, Ph.D.

Dr. Liddell reminded the Board that it was necessary to reappoint the slate of hearing officers on an annual basis. On a question from a trustee, she indicated that we had not used the services of any of the hearing officers for several years.

ON MOTION OF SANDY NEB, THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO REAPPOINT HEARING OFFICERS FOR 2008-09 ACADEMIC YEAR.

VIII. Comments from Board Members

- **Sandy Neb commented on the convocation, saying it was very beneficial and she hopes that there are other opportunities to continue the discussion. Dr. Liddell replied that the response was so positive, that the college will hold another, somewhat shorter meeting in January. Ms. Neb also mentioned that the City of Fort Lupton will be celebrating Trapper Days in the coming weekend and extended invitation to join the activities.**
- **Walt Richter remarked that enrollments at community colleges across the country have gone down over the last few years. He extended thanks to Aims employees for their efforts to bring enrollment up. Dr. Liddell responded that the college did lose enrollment in 2004-05 but since that time, enrollment has been fairly stable, which by itself was a huge accomplishment. She added that everyone at the college is glad to see the trend going in an upward direction.**

IX. Comments from Board Reps

- a. Faculty (Marsha Driskill or Tracy Trenam, ACEA Board Reps)
Ms. Driskill told the Board that Dr. Leba Sarkis notified her that faculty from Front Range Community College will visit Aims to tour our new Allied Health Science Building to help with planning for a new building of their own.
- b. Aims Staff Association (Jeff Smith or Bonnie Steele, ASA Reps)
Staff association representatives had no comment.
- c. ASACC (Dan Beal, ASACC President)
Dan Beal addressed the Board telling them that ASACC has worked hard with new students to get them involved on campus through the orientation program. A Trustee asked about the percentage of new students who participate in orientation. Dean Matijevic informed the Board that 60-70% of degree or certificate seeking students participated in orientation last year. Mr. Beal continued his report saying that several new clubs are forming on campus including a music club and possibly a club for fire academy cadets. Student programming council special events are beginning for the fall. Their first event will be a showing of the movie Wall-E. ASACC is also sponsoring a performance by a mental health comedian, dubbed "Bi-polar Boy," who

X. Adjourn to Executive Session

Board President Beth Bashor asked for a motion for the Board to adjourn to executive session to discuss real estate and personnel issues, as allowed by CRS 24-6-402(4)(a) and (f). She stated that she did not expect any action following executive session.

ON MOTION OF SANDY NEB, THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 3:04 PM.

Reconvene in Regular Session

Board President Bashor reconvened the Board into General Session at 4:17 PM and the Board took the following action.

ON MOTION OF MIKE GEILE, THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE THE THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT WITH UNITED PROPERTIES.

XI. Adjourn

ON MOTION OF SANDY NEB, THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO ADJOURN AT 4:18. PM.

Sandy Neb, Secretary

Date