

**Aims Community College**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**October 1, 2008**  
College Center Room 727-728

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 2:37 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**

There were no additions or deletions to the Agenda

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

**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. A trustee requested that budget numbers for 2007-08 year be available for the Board retreat on October 10<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Kelly indicated that he could provide preliminary numbers by that date.

b. Foundation Update – Julie Buderus

The Board had no questions for Ms. Buderus, but complimented her on the report.

c. Academic Initiative Overview – Donna Souther

A trustee asked about the Career Academy and how the information on the Academy is being disseminated. Dean Souther informed the Board the Associate Dean Brenda Rask and Susan Burrows have been conducting meetings with school district superintendents, principals and counselors. Dean Jeff Reynolds noted that the college will be hosting a regional event on October 24 to roll out the program to a broader group and will soon expand the relationship throughout the county. Brenda Rask met with representatives of the Keenesberg school district. They will add 10 slots for Career Academy. The Board requested a future work session on Career and Technical Education. A Trustee encouraged the college to strongly promote advanced studies and dual enrollment, along with the MIST program, since these programs will be instrumental in enrollment and retention for the future.

d. Student Services Department Report – Pat Matijevic

There were no specific questions for Dr. Matijevic. Dean Matijevic recognized Shannon McCasland as the recipient of the annual Student Services Award adding that Ms. McCasland uses her talents to coordinate student programming at Aims,

which not only benefits students, but also staff. Dr. Liddell noted that Shannon oversees orientation and the AAA 101 course on student study skills.

e. Sabbatical Report – Michael Ort

Michael Ort, Humanities Professor, presented his sabbatical report to the Board of Trustees both verbally and through photographic images. Dr. Liddell reminded the Board that faculty are required to share their experience with colleagues and the Board. Mr. Ort told Trustees that this was his first opportunity to travel abroad and that the experience will significantly affect his ability to teach humanities courses, adding that he feels much more connected with his topic. He also thanked the Board for the opportunity. Dr. Liddell told the Board that there is interest in reviving the international program at Aims, which also supports the college mission statement. The college is beginning to examine the possibility of international faculty exchanges in the near future. Mr. Ort will be helping with this project, as will Tracy Trenam.

f. President's Executive Summary

- Marsi Liddell and Walt Richter have been asked to participate in a panel discussion about board/CEO relations and evaluations at ACCT Fall Congress. This is in addition to the presentation by Aims that will be made at the congress.
- Donna Souther has been selected by the Governor as a member of the Colorado P-20 Council. This is a very prestigious appointment to an important state council. Dr. Liddell extended her congratulations to Donna on her appointment to the council.
- John Batchelor and Rachel Davis submitted a report to NACADA (National Academic Advising Association) on the Aims Student Success Center. The program was selected for the Exemplary Practice section of upcoming Handbook of Career Advising. The report was included in the Board packet. Dr. Liddell offered her commendations on their efforts.
- The Surgical Technology program passed review for continued accreditation.
- Dr. Liddell received a letter from David Skaggs in response to our request to be removed from NCHEMS funding model. The letter indicates that Mr. Skaggs disagrees with our request. The NCHEMS model tries to find peer institutions across the country and uses the gap between peer institutions to determine funding. College administration doesn't agree with the peer institutions chosen for Aims, due to the fact that no other colleges, other than Colorado Mountain College, have a state system with a few non-system colleges. Administration also contends that the Joint Budget Committee is required to fund Aims as a line item according to state statute. Dr. Liddell told the Board that she and Carol Hogle met with Jack Pommer, who is on the JBC, and are persuaded that he is educated about and will be a proponent for the college's situation. She will try to set up a meeting between the JBC and the Board. A Trustee requested that the Board should meet with our local legislators as soon after the election as possible.
- Dr. Liddell reminded the Board that earlier they had received a set of impact statements from house counsel regarding four ballot initiatives collectively

known as the “Poison Pill Amendments.” The impact statements have been provided to the Board for their own use and may be helpful for the trustees to form their own opinion. This ballot could have significant ramifications for the running of this institution. She added that she has asked for help from the public information office, HR, academic departments and student life to help inform the public about these amendments. Several have direct impact, others have indirect impact. The information disseminated will be balanced, showing both pros and cons. A Trustee noted that there is a fine line between educating and advocating and suggested that all educational communication be based on the blue book.

- Dr. Liddell informed the Board that she and Trustee Walt Richter attended a meeting with the Tribune’s editorial board pertaining to Amendment 50. This amendment would allow the three gaming communities to change their hours, games and bet limits, with 70% of additional state tax revenues earmarked for community colleges, including Aims. She assured the Board that during the conversation, they emphasized that they were not speaking for the board, but speaking from their own personal opinions. Dr. Richter indicated that he told the Tribune that when the Board discussed the measure, they had differences of opinion as to whether the board should officially give it their support. He told the Tribune that he was speaking only for himself.
- On October 16, the Continuing Education Center will host a meeting to introduce options for a Public Service Academy. Dr. Liddell and several deans have been meeting with the sheriff, police chief, fire chief and director of ambulance services about this new program. All parties will be at the meeting to discuss how to facilitate a public service academy that will provide regional training. This training is vital to the area, because you can’t outsource these services. If Aims can provide the training it will be beneficial to all regional communities and the workforce in general.
- The Career Academy will host an informational meeting for school district superintendents on October 24. Dr. Liddell told the Board that Brenda Rask has done a wonderful job of pulling it together. While the program is still in its infancy, it will be promoted more fully as it matures.
- At a North Colorado Economic Development Corporation meeting on September 12, Dr. Liddell participated with the presidents of UNC, CSU and FRCC to announce a cooperative effort between the universities and colleges to provide workforce development education and training that will support regional economic growth. The four institutions will meet with a facilitator later in October to explore how they can proceed with their efforts.

## V. Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes of the September 3, 2008 District Board Meeting
- b. Administrator, Faculty and Exempt Employee Hires:
  - **Kimberely Wallin, TRIO Advisor, Student Support Services, exempt staff, new position, grant funded**

**ON MOTION OF SANDY NEB, THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.**

**VI. Information Items**

- a. Board Calendar  
There will be a symbolic ground breaking at Iron Mountain before the next board meeting.
- b. Course Fee for new Spring Semester Course
- c. Withdrawal of Sabbatical Request for Tracey Trenam  
Included in the Board packet is a copy of a letter from Tracey Trenam requesting permission to withdraw her request for sabbatical at this time.
- d. Non-exempt Employee Hires:
  - Lyle Adler, Grounds Maintenance Technician, Facilities and Operations, non-exempt staff, replacement
  - Jack Heidrick, Senior IT Support Specialist, Information Resources Management, non-exempt staff, new position
  - Lee Ann Hernandez, Instructional Lab Coordinator, Learning Resource Center, non-exempt staff, replacement
  - Carol Lehman, Staff Associate, Aims Foundation, non-exempt staff, replacement
  - Dan Lindner, IT Support Specialist, Information Resources Management, non-exempt staff, new position
- e. Retiring or Leaving the Employ of the College:
  - Harriett Meeker, Staff Executive, Fort Lupton Campus

**VII. Action Items**

No action items were scheduled for this meeting.

**VIII. Comments from Board Members**

- **Mike Geile told the board that he attended the UNC State of the University luncheon and heard Kay Norton introduce the Innovation Institute on Education. He asked if Aims should have a part in the plans. Dr. Liddell said that while we can't necessarily invite ourselves, the efforts with the joint venture group may lead to some involvement in the future.**
- **Richard Bond had the opportunity to go to Crow Agency in Montana on a buffalo hunt with Native American students from UNC. While he was in Montana, he visited Little Bighorn Community College, a college very interested in renewable energy programs. Dr. Bond suggested that Native Americans be included in international program and that Aims should investigate a possible partnership with the college. Dr. Liddell agreed to follow up with them.**
- **Sandy Neb reminded the Board about the retreat on October 10.**
- **Beth Bashor said that she spoke to Dave Schaubert and Jennifer Naimark about the student sponsored program on the economic**

**situation that took place immediately before the Board meeting. They both indicated that the program was a great success. She commented that it is great to be part of community college where so many people do so many good things for students and the community.**

#### **IX. Comments from Board Reps**

- a. Faculty (Marsha Driskill or Tracy Trenam, ACEA Board Reps)  
Marsha Driskill mentioned the Beaty Hall Open House on October 10 and encouraged the community to attend.
  
- b. Aims Staff Association (Jeff Smith or Bonnie Steele, ASA Reps)  
Jeff Smith came to podium. Dr. Liddell informed the Board that he was named distinguished colleague for the month of September. Mr. Smith mentioned that ASA is working with student government to offer “Trunk or Treat,” a safe trick or treat alternative.
  
- c. ASACC (Dan Beal, ASACC President)  
Dan Beal first read a prepared statement to the Board, saying that Aims will once again be involved in another battle for equal funding. Student government will take on this challenge with the same commitment as last year, for it is the students who truly lose in the end. We need to stress this point to the powers that be at CCHE and the State. The Associated Students of Aims Community College have the students, the college and the community’s interest at heart. Mr. Beal indicated that his goal is to report back that the fight for equal funding was a success.  
There are several upcoming events sponsored by Student Government, MyLife and Student Programming Council:
  - Trunk or Treat on October 30, providing a safe place for children to enjoy Halloween.
  - The movie Wall-E will be shown on October 10.
  - Students have been asked to name the fireplace room in Beaty Hall. The winning entry will be announced on October 9<sup>th</sup>.
  - Aims students will be able to use the Greeley Funplex free of charge. This special event was sponsored by the City of Greeley.
  - There will be additional programs for mental health week and alcohol awareness week.
  - Students will also be sponsoring a debate for house district 50 candidates on October 3.

Beth Bashor thanked the students for starting their funding drive early this year. A Trustee asked if ASACC would provide information sessions on amendment 50. Mr. Beal indicated that they will soon have a meeting to discuss what we can do about the amendments. As a board we have not chosen to support one side or the other and will most likely remain neutral. A Trustee reminded Mr. Beal that the ASACC Board can not take a position on behalf of the institution.

**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 issues, as allowed by CRS 24-6-402(4)(a). She stated that she did not expect any action following executive session.

**ON MOTION OF RICHARD BOND, THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 3:37 PM.**

**Reconvene in Regular Session**

Board President Bashor reconvened the Board into General Session at 4:11 PM and the Board took no action.

**XI. Adjourn**

**ON MOTION OF SANDY NEB, THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO ADJOURN AT 4:12 PM.**

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**Sandy Neb, Secretary**

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**Date**

*(approved and signed November 5, 2008)*