

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

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 2:36 PM by Board Secretary Sandy Neb, as Board President Beth Bashor was not present in the meeting room. Other Board members present included Richard Bond, Mike Geile and Walt Richter. College President Dr. Marsi Liddell was also in attendance. Beth Bashor attended by phone.

**II. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda**

**THE BOARD ACCEPTED THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED.**

**III. Citizen Participation**

Bob Vangermeersch, resident of Fort Collins, passed out information and addressed the BOT regarding the College Enrichment Option program in Loveland, mentioning the following issues in his request for the college to continue the CEO program.

- Without the CEO program, there would be no outreach to Loveland community
- CEO students require less time and effort from the instructor and the college, so the cost of having them in class is less.
- The Life Long Learning program, which is intended to take the place of the CEO program, is only offered in Greeley and costs 6 to 8 times more than the tuition for the CEO program. The current CEO students are on fixed incomes and have said that they will not register for regular classes or travel to Greeley.
- While the college states that all students should pay tuition at the same rate, there are already a number of groups that pay different tuition rates.
- The senior students add to the class in experience and different point of view. Some of the instructors ask the CEO students to help in the class.

Mr. Vangermeersch requested the Board add this item to their agenda and vote to continue the program.

Sandy Neb thanked Mr. Vangermeersch for his comments, but stated that when issues are brought before the board during citizen participation, it wouldn't be prudent for the board to vote that day. She added that the Board would take the issue under advisement and that Dr. Liddell will communicate their decision.

**IV. President's Report – Dr. Liddell**

a. Financial Update – Mike Kelly

Mike Kelly distributed the final audit statements to the Board and noted that the only change from the draft, was an update on land for sale to indicate current status.

Trustee Mike Geile affirmed that this was a clean audit with no comments or

findings. There were no further questions for Mr. Kelly.

b. Information Resources Management Update – Gary Bardsley

The Board thanked Dr. Bardsley for his excellent report. A Trustee asked if there is funding available to replace the outmoded technology mentioned in the last paragraph. Dr. Bardsley replied that the college has instituted a life cycle for technology, adding that this year it was necessary to defer some items until the next budget cycle, but that technology needs are always considered. Another Trustee commented on the telephone systems in Loveland and Fort Lupton. He asked if the Greeley campus also has direct 911 access and if the calls go through campus security. Dr. Bardsley told the Board that any 911 call goes to the appropriate emergency service provider (Weld Sheriff, Loveland Police, etc...) He added that it will soon be possible for a duplicate notice of 911 calls to be sent to Aims security. The final goal is to be able to identify phone location for emergency calls.

c. President's Executive Summary

Dr. Liddell briefly reviewed the following items:

- Aims Community College has selected a representative to the All USA Community College Academic Team. Jennifer Powell is a Sociology student and has been on the President's List twice. Dr. Liddell offered her commendations to Ms. Powell.
- The Emergency Medical Technician/Paramedic Program has received its initial accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP)
- Aims has received a grant from Piton Foundation. The grant will be used both to train students and facilitate the operation of the "Tax Help Colorado" program in Greeley. The program provides no-cost tax preparation assistance for needy citizens.
- Included in the Board packet is a message from David Skaggs regarding the implementation of Senate Bill 212 –Preschool to Postsecondary Alignment Act. Donna Souther currently serves on the P20 commission. There will be a meeting of the commission in Fort Collins on February 12.
- Also in the packet is a letter from Franklin University on the College Alliance partnership program and a letter of thanks to Board of Trustees for the additional day of New Year's Holiday.
- The Dream Act Initiative has been reinstated at both Federal and State level. The State level involves an amendment to House Bill 1023, which requires proof of citizenship for students. The new amendment will grant in-state tuition to students who graduate from Colorado High Schools. Senator Salazar is leading the push at the federal level to bring tax equity to all students.
- Distributed to the Board, is a copy of *Leadership, the Journal of the Chair Academy* including an article by Therese Lask, titled "First Generation Students: Stories of Hope and Resilience."
- Aims Community College, in collaboration with the City of Greeley and School District 6, received an energy grant from the Colorado Division of Local Affairs. Grant funds will be used to support programs designed to reduce energy use.

- Governor Ritter, along with other governors, recently met with President-Elect Obama. During the session he stated that his two priorities are transportation and energy infrastructure. Dr. Liddell reminded the Board that she is on the education sub-committee of the Colorado Energy Coalition.

## **V. Consent Agenda**

- a. Minutes of the November 5, 2008 District Board Meeting
- b. Administrator, Faculty and Exempt Employee Hires:
  - Leslie Bicknell, Advisor, Student Success Center, exempt staff, new position
  - Dorene Boyd, Interim Director of Purchasing, Purchasing Department, exempt staff, replacement
  - Linda Sample, Accountant, Payroll Department, exempt staff, replacement
  - William Tankovich, Senior Instructional Lab Coordinator, Natural Sciences Department, exempt staff, replacement

**ON MOTION OF MIKE GEILE THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.**

## **VI. Information Items**

- a. Board Calendar  
Dr. Liddell reminded the Board that they will have a special meeting on December 12 to certify property tax mil levies.
- b. Non-exempt Employee Hires:
  - Michelle Brown, Accounting Technician, Financial Services, non-exempt staff, replacement
  - Lorna Finlay, Accounting Technician, Financial Services, non-exempt staff, replacement
- c. Retirement & Request for Transitional Retirement
  - Gina West, Aviation Technology Professor, Aviation Department

## **VII. Action Items**

- a. Nomination for Emeritus Status - Alysan Broda  
Dr. Liddell referred the Board to a letter of recommendation for emeritus status for Alysan Broda written by her chair Evan Oakley and a supporting memo from Dean Jeff Reynolds. She noted that Ms. Broda has been at Aims for 20 years and requested that the Board approve the nomination.

**ON MOTION OF WALT RICHTER, THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE EMERITUS STATUS FOR ALYSAN BRODA, UPON HER RETIREMENT.**

## **VIII. Comments from Board Members**

- **Richard Bond suggested that, as the Board By-Laws require only 6 meetings per year, the Board should consider having meetings every**

**other month or canceling meetings that are not necessary. Sandy Neb suggested that the Board discuss this at a later date.**

- **Walt Richter stated that at the request of Trustees, the Aims Foundation had mailed out copies of the Foundation audit. He thanked Julie Buderus for doing so. He also distributed copies of an article from Fortune magazine, titled “Bill and Melinda Gates Go Back to School.”**
- **Mike Geile noted that, at a recent All College Action Committee meeting, the team discussed the Board goals for the upcoming years. The goal pertaining to developing a communication plan may need to be rewritten to ensure that it is at the goal level rather than strategy level.**

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

- a. Faculty (Marsha Driskill or Tracy Trenam, ACEA Board Reps)  
The faculty representatives had no comments.
  
- b. Aims Staff Association (Jeff Smith or Bonnie Steele, ASA Reps)  
Bonnie Steele thanked those who had donated to the ASA auction, including Dr. Liddell and Beth Bashor. She reminded the Board that there are great items to bid on the auction ends Friday.
  
- c. ASACC (Dan Beal, ASACC President)  
Dan Beal reported to the Board that things have slowed down for ASACC, but they are still working on the following:
  - The Student Government Association (SGA) is working on the Green Project as a way to turn the college “green.” There will be new recycling bins on campus and SGA will host a green fair in the spring.
  - Next Saturday will be the third volunteer project for ASACC. Last month a team of 35 students helped the staff from A Children’s’ Place move into their new facilities.
  - SGA will be holding a planning session so that they can get ready for Spring semester.
  - The Student Program Committee is inviting everyone to cozy up with a classic movie on December 3. They will be showing It’s a Wonderful Life in the College Center.
  - The ASACC representative in Loveland, is graduating in December. Jesse Gonzalez has been elected to fill her place.
  - MyLife will be kicking off the second year of the “Biggest Winner” program in early January.
  - They are also holding a drive to collect sweats and scrubs for victims of sexual abuse. These clothes will be given to victims when they are required to leave their own clothes as evidence.
  - Zach Heimbechner, from MyLife, was chosen as the BACCHUS representative for this region. This is a great honor for Zach and Aims.

**X. Adjourn to Executive Session**

Sandy Neb asked for a motion for the Board to adjourn to executive session to discuss real estate and personnel issues and receive advise from counsel, as allowed by CRS 24-6-402(4)(a)(b) and (f). 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 3:14 PM.**

**XI. Reconvene in Regular Session**

Board Secretary Neb reconvened the Board into General Session at 5:40 PM and the Board took no action.

**XII. Adjourn**

**ON MOTION OF WALT RICHTER, THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO ADJOURN AT 5:40 PM.**

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Sandy Neb, Secretary

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