

**Aims Community College Board Meetings**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**May 8, 2009**  
College Center, Room 727-28

**Aims District Board Meeting**

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 2:46 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**

**ON MOTION OF SANDY NEB, THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO  
ACCEPT THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED.**

**III. Citizen Participation**

There was no request for citizen participation.

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

a. Aims Fellows Awards – Presentation of Recipients

Dr. Liddell summarized the criteria for selection of Aims Fellows. She then introduced each recipient with a brief statement from their nomination letter. The Trustees greeted the honorees and presented each with a plaque. Each new Fellow was given the opportunity to speak. The new Aims Fellows are:

- Lorenzo Aragon: Director High School Equivalent Program, Higher-Ed Advocate, Writer of College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP) grant
- Don Cummins: First Dean of Aims Fort Lupton Campus, Former Fort Lupton Mayor, Proponent of Higher Education in the Fort Lupton Area
- Julianne Haefeli: Former Chair of Colorado State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education, Life-long Supporter of Higher Education
- H. Gordon Johnson: Trustee for 6 years, representing rural Weld County, Community Representative for formation of UNC Laboratory School Board of Governors
- Ruth Slomer: Former Dean and Faculty Member, Former Aims Foundation Board Member, Helped Establish Programs such as Media and Developmental Education. This honor was awarded posthumously and was accepted in Ms. Slomer's behalf by Donna and Andrew Wright.
- Dale Majors: Aims Trustee for 16 years, Involved in Development of Aims Vocational Programs, including Welding. As Mr. Majors was critically ill, Trustee Mike Geile presented his award early. He made comments on Dale Majors' behalf, who recently passed away.

Dr. Liddell also took the opportunity to present certificates to outgoing presidents of College Organizations:

- Debbie Barba, Aims Staff Association (ASA)
- Dan Beal, Associated Students of Aims Community College (ASACC)
- Doug Clay, Aims College Education Association (ACEA)

b. Financial Update – Mike Kelly

Mr. Kelly was present to answer questions, but the Board had none.

c. President's Executive Summary

Dr. Liddell reviewed the following items with the Board:

- Aims will be hosting a Candidate's Academy on May 13, 20 and 27 in partnership with the Greeley Chamber of Commerce, City of Greeley and Greeley/Evans School District 6.
- Kellie Richardson, advisor for Allied Health programs, received the Outstanding New Advisor Certificate of Merit from National Academic Advising Association.
- Hansen Presidential Scholarship Awards were recently presented. Dr. Liddell read the list of recipients.
- Outgoing ACEA President Doug Clay introduced incoming President Jeanine Lewis. Debbie Barba, outgoing President of ASA, introduced incoming President, David Shimokawa, and other ASA officers.
- Dr. Liddell announced the three recipients of Teacher of the Year award for the academic year:
  - Faculty Choice – Dick Gardner
  - Dean's Selection – Jeanine Lewis and Dick Gardner
  - Student Selection – Butch WebeckShe reminded the Board that last year's faculty selection, Maxine Christiansen, would serve as Grand Marshall at the Graduation Ceremony that evening.
- Dr. Liddell and two Aims Trustees attended a Berthoud Town Council meeting in April, regarding approval of HB 1079 which will allow Berthoud to vote to annex into Aims district. She reported that the meeting was very positive.
- Aims has been approved for the Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence Program for the 2009-10 academic year. The chosen scholar will have credentials in the energy field.
- Included in the Board packet was a letter of thanks from the Piton Foundation for Aims support of the Tax Help Colorado program. This program provided extra training to Aims accounting students who then offered no-cost tax preparation help to low-income residents.
- Also included was a letter of praise for the Auto Collision and Repair Department and a thank you letter from the Greeley Chamber for hosting Business After Hours.

- Two Aims nursing students who are currently on clinical rotation at Hospice and Palliative Care of Northern Colorado were mentioned in the Hospice newsletter. A copy was included in the Board packet.
- Trustee Mike Geile was recently appointed as a new council member on the North Regional Council of the El Pomar Foundation.
- Dr. Liddell commented that the 2009 legislative session is finally over. She expressed her thanks to Carol Hoglund, Sandra Owens and Donna Souther for driving to Denver on moment's notice to testify for or against bills. In the end, there were significant successes. House Bill 1079 passed, allowing the Town of Berthoud to be annexed into the Aims district after a vote of constituents. Dr. Liddell offered her thanks to Glenn Vaad. HB 1262, enacted Amendment 50 and will direct 78% of new gaming revenues to community colleges. In the last days of the session, HB1362 was introduced. This bill would have allowed community colleges and smaller state colleges to form districts and receive moneys from ad valorem or sales tax. While the original bill was killed, the language was included as an amendment to the school finance bill. Until the last moment of the session, it looked like it would become law, but in the end was killed on a procedural issue. Dr. Liddell said that she is certain that the issue will be reintroduced next year. She said that the college will begin working with the lobbyist to start planning a response. A Trustee noted that the creation of new tax districts would require a vote of people, which might be difficult in the current economy.

#### **V. Consent Agenda**

- a. Minutes of the April 1, 2009 District Board Meeting
- b. Employees: Administration, Faculty and Exempt Staff
  - Fred Brown, Director II, Windsor Automotive Center, exempt staff, new position

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

#### **VI. Information Items**

- a. Board Calendar
- b. Change to fees for Aviation Program Courses
- c. New Hires
  - Ron Randolph, Capital Planning and Construction Coordinator, non-exempt staff, new position
- d. Request for Retirement
  - Andres Guerrero, Professor, Foreign Languages, Division 1
  - Pat Hergenreter, Professor, Auto Collision Repair, Division 3
- e. Request for Retirement and Transitional Retirement
  - Peter Montez, Associate Professor, Construction Technology, Division 1

#### **VII. Action Items**

- a. Approval of Projected Budget (Revised) for FY 2008-2009 – Dan Erbert  
Dan Erbert reminded the Board that in February it was necessary to ask Aims personnel to reduce the current year's budget by about 5%, due to a \$170,000 decrease in allocation from the State. Included in the Board packet is the revised 2008-09 budget. Mr. Erbert explained that the revision represents the best possible estimate for the budget through the end of the year. He asked for questions, but the Board had none.

**ON MOTION OF RICHARD BOND, THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE REVISED PROJECTED OPERATING BUDGET FOR FY 2008-09.**

- b. Approval of FY 2009-2010 Operating Budget, First Reading – Carol Hoglund  
Ms. Hoglund referred the board to their packets and the revised pages that had been distributed at the earlier work session. Final numbers will not be available until June, when property tax revenue information will be available. She added that the assessed valuations should decrease significantly in 2 years, so it will be necessary to take a multi-pronged approach to manage finances for the next several years. Two programs have been included in differential tuition (Fire Science and Communication Media). At the same time, differential tuition was reorganized in a tiered structure, according to program costs, with a 10 or 15% difference between low differential tuition and medium or high differential tuitions. Currently, the plan is for a 2% non-base building increase in salaries. There will be an additional 5% reduction in operating expenses, along with smaller reductions in the capital construction reserve. Ms. Hoglund informed the Board that the College will be able to complete the remodel of the College Center and the construction of the Windsor Auto Center. She added that the budget model is a work in progress and will be possible to modify it as necessary over the next few weeks. Beth Bashor thanked the financial service department for their hard work. Dr. Liddell echoed her thanks, adding that, due to the volatile legislative session, changes to the budget were being made until yesterday.

**ON MOTION OF WALT RICHTER THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE PRELIMINARY OPERATING BUDGET FOR FY 2009-10, ON FIRST READING.**

- c. Administrative corrections to Policy and Procedure Manual (Second Reading)  
Dr. Liddell reminded the Board that this group of changes were generally non-substantive matters, intended to correct terminology or edit policies to reflect current practice. The changes arose from the Policy and Procedure Review project that is on going. She told the Board that House Counsel Sandra Owens could answer any specific questions, but the Board had none.

**ON MOTION OF SANDY NEB THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE ADMINISTRATIVE AMENDMENTS TO SEVEN POLICIES ON SECOND READING.**

d. Lobbyist Renewal for 2009-10

Dr. Liddell asked for renewal of the contract for Tonette Salazar, who has served as Aims lobbyist for four years and has been very valuable to the College. Her contract would be renewed at the same rate she received in the last fiscal year.

**ON MOTION OF RICHARD BOND THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO RENEW THE INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT WITH AIMS LOBBYIST ANTOINETTE SALAZAR.**

**VIII. Comments from Board Members**

- **Walt Richter had the opportunity to attend the honors ceremony last Sunday. The ceremony was well put together and the students who received awards were a wonderful group of bright, motivated individuals. It made you feel good to know you had some part in their success. Congratulations to all students.**
- **Mike Geile was pleased to be able to attend the Berthoud Council meeting. The councilmembers are very excited about the annexation, which could be brought to voters this fall. He offered kudos to Dr. Liddell for her efforts during the legislative session, adding that it is very difficult to testify before legislative committees, as issues change minute to minute.**
- **Sandy Neb added that the College has been very well represented, but the difficult times may not be over yet. She expressed appreciation for the Aims Fellows and everything they have done for the College.**
- **Beth Bashor said that while she doesn't like rituals, she loves commencement. It is great to see the result of everyone's work, Board and employees together.**

**II. Comments from Board Reps**

- **Faculty (Marsha Driskill or Tracey Trenam, ACEA Board Reps)**  
Marsha Driskill said she also attended the honors ceremony and found it truly inspiring. She added that there are many more wonderful students that were nominated, but not recognized at the ceremony. Ms Driskill thanked the Board for presenting the Aims Fellows award. She recounted that many of the founders of the College were still here when she came to Aims and they were inspiration to her as a new faculty member. She added that she still sees their standards reflected in the College through administrators, staff, faculty and students.
- **Aims Staff Association (Jeff Smith or Bonnie Steele, ASA Reps)**  
Jeff Smith reminded the Board that the annual ASA breakfast would be held on Wednesday, May 13.
- **ASACC (Dan Beal, ASACC President)**  
Dan Beal reported that elections have been held for next year's ASACC Board. He introduced MyLife representatives Nicole Maxfield and Alyssa Hansen. They expressed their excitement at being on the MyLife board and explained that the MyLife program helps inform students on health issues. Also working on the MyLife Committee are Natasha Maddox and Danielle Pacheco. Rounding out the Student Programming Council are Kimberly Peterson, Diversity, Ashley Beck, Entertainment and Beth Beal, Children's Programs. Mr. Beal introduced the student body president for the 2009-10 academic year, Mike Price, former VP of Public Affairs. Mr. Price

told the Board that he looks forward to next year and will continue the Oval Office series. He introduced Trev Starr, Vice President of Campus Life and told the Board that other officers include Erick Franz, VP of Public Relations and Jennifer Carr, VP for Development. The Academic Affairs position has not been filled.

Dan Beal thanked the deans, faculty and the Board of Trustees, adding that it has been an exciting year. He said that he hoped it was obvious that he worked as he did because students matter the most. Mr. Beal offered special thanks to Dr. Liddell for her leadership abilities and for setting an example of excellence.

**III. Adjourn to executive session**

Beth Bashor asked for a motion to adjourn to executive session to receive legal advice from counsel, as allowed by CRS 24-6-402(4)(f). She invited Dr. Liddell, Sandra Owens and Karoline Woodruff to attend.

**ON MOTION OF RICHARD BOND, THE BOARD ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 3:51 PM.**

**IV. Reconvene**

Beth Bashor reconvened the Board into regular session at 4:08 PM and took no action.

**V. Adjourn**

**ON MOTION OF SANDY NEB, THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO ADJOURN AT 4:30 PM.**

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**Sandy Neb, Secretary**

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**Date**