Aims District Board Meeting

I. Call to Order
a. The meeting was called to order at 1:31 p.m. by Board Chair Ray Peterson. Other Board members present were Trustee Lyle Achziger, Trustee Mark Hout, and Trustee Carol Ruckel. Trustee Gene O’Hara was excused. College CEO/President Dr. Leah L. Bornstein and Board Liaison Carrie Schaefer-Randolph also attended.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Approval of Agenda
a. There were no additions/deletions to the agenda.

ON MOTION OF LYLE ACHZIGER, THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

IV. Public Comment
a. All parties interested in specific agenda topics or District operations may address the Board at this time. No action will be taken by the Board resulting from individuals addressing the Board during Public Comment, except upon favorable majority vote of the Board. At the discretion of the Board Chair, the time limit for individual speakers will be three (3) minutes per item; and, the time limit for each item will not exceed ten (10) minutes. Speakers cannot yield their time to other speakers.
   o There was no public comment.

V. Consent Agenda
a. Minutes of the September 5, 2018 District Board Meeting
b. Minutes of the September 20, 2018 Special District Board Meeting

ON MOTION OF CAROL RUCKEL, THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

VI. Board Representative Reports
a. Student Government Association, Dulzura “Dulce” Gonzalez
   o Ms. Gonzalez shared student accomplishments, honors, and upcoming events.

b. Aims Faculty Association, Francie Rottini
   o Ms. Rottini shared faculty accomplishments, honors, and upcoming events.

c. Aims Staff Association, Nan Printz
Ms. Printz shared staff accomplishments, honors, and upcoming events.

VII. CEO/President’s Report – Dr. Bornstein
a. Excellence at Aims!!!
   o Shannon McCasland, Dean of Students, introduced Christina Blodgett.
      ▪ Ms. Blodgett shared her story of being a first generation student in her family and the challenges of attending school while working and raising a family. She explained how she felt accepted at Aims and the impact that has made in her life. Ms. Blodgett received a Medical Assisting Certificate in 2017. She currently has a 4.0 GPA, and will be receiving her AA degree in of Spring 2019.

b. Executive Vice President – Dr. Russ Rothamer
   o Core Measures Report
      (Strategy 2, Objective 2.1, Line 28)
      ▪ Dr. Rothamer reviewed highlights of the core measures.
         1. Access - 8,436 students (headcount) is the highest since 2009-2010.
         2. Retention – is up 2%. This fall 35% percent of students are full-time; 65% are part-time and taking fewer credits. Initiatives are in place to increase the number of credits students take which helps with retention.
         3. Learning – Benchmarks are from 2015. Rubrics are used for the current performance outcomes.
         4. Completion – Initiatives are in place to increase graduation and transfer rates.
         5. Impact – Current performance data is from 2015-16; determinations are being made for collection of current data.
   o Dr. Rothamer also shared that total enrollment is up 4.3%. Concurrent/high school enrollment is up 21% in headcount and 29% in FTE from this time last year.

c. Academic Affairs - Dr. Russ Rothamer, Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs
   o Dr. Rothamer congratulated Dean Jeff Smith and his team for hosting the Colorado Workforce Development Council quarterly meeting in September.
      ▪ The mission of the Council aligns with that of Aims. They selected Aims as the location based on this alignment and the outstanding work on the part of the Aims’ teams supporting this mission.
   o Open Educational Resources
      (Strategy 1, Objective 1.1, Line 5)
      ▪ Dr. Rothamer introduced Dr. Doug Strauss, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs
         1. Dr. Strauss explained the initiative called “F2S” (Free to Students). He shared that nationally 66% of students do not have textbooks in hand at the start of class due to the high cost.
         2. This initiative promotes Open Educational Resources (OER) that are freely available to educators and students at Aims.
         3. He explained the benefits of OER which include an increase in course grades for students using OER.
4. Current courses using OER at Aims include AAA, English, Geography as well as others.
5. OER generally saves students $125 per new textbook.

d. Administrative Services – Chuck Jensen, Vice President for Administrative Services
   o Budget Update
      ▪ Mr. Jensen reported on the first two months of the fiscal year.
        1. Income is on target with strong tuition; the aviation program brings in the majority of fees; anticipates property taxes and state appropriation to come in at 100%; oil/gas royalties are strong.
        2. Expenses are tracking as budgeted.
   o Division Highlights
      ▪ External auditors have completed field work. All indications show a clean audit for both the College and the Foundation.
        1. He congratulated Darla Underhill and Linda Sample in the Payroll department on receiving an outstanding Annual Work Compensation Audit.
      ▪ The budget assumptions work session for FY 2019-20 will be presented in November.
      ▪ Facilities and Operations are close to completing the Greeley Campus entrance.
      ▪ Information Technology is progressing with high tech updates to the new data center.

e. Community & College Relations Report – Timothy Ullmann, Vice President for Community & College Relations
   o Dr. Bornstein introduced Timothy Ullmann, the new Vice President for Community & College Relations.
   o Mr. Ullmann shared highlights of several recent events:
      ▪ Over 700 people attended the Great Aardvark Embark Balloon Launch.
      ▪ He thanked Dr. Wyscaver and Mario Gonzalez for participation with the Latinx Advisory Council on the mural at the Rodarte Center Complex in Greeley.
      ▪ Mary Gabriel, Executive Director of the Windsor Campus, has received the Shining Star Award by the Windsor Chamber of Commerce.
      ▪ He announced the Art Opening of “Sound of Water” by Dr. Andrew Svedlow on the Loveland Campus, October 12.
   o College Promise, Kelly Jackson, Executive Director, Foundation
      ▪ Mr. Ullmann introduced Ms. Jackson who shared information on the College Promise program.
        1. This scholarship program is available as a “last dollar” opportunity after all other financial aid has been considered.
            i. It is available to all students in the Aims service area regardless of their situation.
            ii. It includes accountability by the student.
        2. Next steps for the program include taking fund raising campaign to the community, targeting groups interested in education.
- Ms. Jackson invited the Board to the Aims Foundation Opportunity Breakfast, “Propel the Future,” on November 1 at 7:30 a.m. in the Greeley Cornerstone Building.

f. Student Engagement, Inclusion, and Success Report - Dr. Sarah Wyscaver, Vice President for Student Engagement, Inclusion, and Success (SEIS)
   o Arty’s Orientation Preliminary Outcomes
      (Strategy 1, Objective 1.1, Line 1)
      - Dr. Wyscaver shared the mission of the orientation is to support the academic and social transition of new students into the Aims community.
        1. Over 300 students participated in the pilot program.
        2. 98% responded they felt more prepared for the first day/week of classes as a result of attending the orientation.

   o Center for Diversity and Inclusion Grand Opening
      (Strategy 1, Objective 1.3, Line 13)
      - Dr. Wyscaver invited the Trustees to the grand opening of the Center for Diversity and Inclusion on October 30 at 11:00 a.m. in Beaty Hall 127.
        1. She explained the purpose of the center is to help students embrace the diverse student population as mentioned in the Aims mission statement.
        2. The space will be used for meditation/prayer (any religion), new mothers’ room, veterans’ engagement, student meeting spaces and computer/study area.

   o Veterans Education Success Team (VEST) Aims Flag Proposal
      - Dr. Wyscaver introduced Jennifer Greener, Jon Dechant, and Dean Rob Abernathy.
        1. Jennifer Greener explained two projects by the Veterans Education Success Team (VEST):
           i. Increased the size of the U.S. and Colorado flags to the appropriate size of 5’ x 8’.
           ii. Develop and add a 4’ x 6’ Aims flag.
              1. The team worked with Aims employees and students to design an Aims flag.
              2. The top two designs were shared with the Board for their selection of the top design.
              3. The Trustees selected the flag design which included “Arty”.

  g. Comments from the President
     o President’s Report
       - Dr. Bornstein reviewed her meetings of note for September.

     o Employee Report
       - Supervisors introduced new employees.

VIII. Information Items
   a. Board Priority B – Continue to advocate for Aims Community College locally, statewide and nationally.
Recommendations from sub-committee: Trustee Lyle Achziger and Trustee Gene O’Hara.

- Trustee Achziger shared the background for the recommendations.
- All Trustees present agreed to the recommendations.
- Trustee Achziger requested that other Trustees let him, Chair Peterson, or Trustee O’Hara know if they have established relationships with current legislators.
- Dr. Bornstein explained that the Board will also be working with Tonette Salazar of Salazar & Associates on legislative matters.

b. Board Calendar
   - Chair Peterson reviewed the upcoming Board calendar.

IX. Action Items
   a. There were no action items.

X. Comments from the Board Members
   a. Trustees each shared their respective comments of the meeting.

XI. Assessment of Board Meeting/Plus Delta
   a. What worked? What didn’t work?
   b. Did we focus on oversight? Strategy? Challenges?
   c. Did we receive the information we needed to have an effective conversation?
   d. Did everyone have an opportunity to speak?

XII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:17 p.m.