Aims Community College Board Meeting
Minutes
February 5, 2020
Greeley Campus, Ed Beaty Theater, 1:30 p.m.

Aims District Board Meeting

I. Call to Order
   a. The meeting was called to order at 1:32 p.m. by Board Chair Lyle Achziger. Other Board members present were Trustee Mark Hout, Trustee Gene O’Hara, Trustee Ray Peterson, and Trustee Heidi Windell. College CEO/President Dr. Leah L. Bornstein and Board Liaison Carrie Schaefer-Randolph also attended.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Approval of Agenda

ON MOTION OF GENE O’HARA, THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

IV. Public Comment
   a. The Board of Trustees encourages the general public to provide comments directly related to the business and operations of the College and to give input on items before the Board. Each speaker is required to complete a Public Comment Registration form. No action will be taken by the Board resulting from individuals addressing the Board during the Public Comment period. The time limit for individual speakers will be three (3) minutes per item. 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 December 11, 2019 District Board Meeting

ON MOTION OF RAY PETERSON, THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.
VI. Representatives to the Board
a. Student Government Association, Chris Warren
   o Mr. Warren shared student accomplishments, honors, and upcoming events.

b. Aims Faculty Association, Mark Moody
   o Mr. Moody shared faculty accomplishments, honors, and upcoming events.

c. Aims Staff Association, Jenn Seedorf
   o Ms. Seedorf shared staff accomplishments, honors, and upcoming events.

VII. CEO/President’s Report – Dr. Leah L. Bornstein
a. Excellence at Aims – Kelly Jackson, Foundation Executive Director, introduced Alumnus John Valencia.
   o Mr. Valencia shared he is a native of northern Colorado and a Navy veteran. He completed two tours of duty in Vietnam. He recalls feeling lost when he returned to civilian life in 1971 and decided to attend Aims for retraining. He found Aims to be very welcoming and shared fond memories of the downtown campus. Mr. Valencia encouraged his son and daughter to attend Aims and both are proud Aims’ alumni. Mr. Valencia is delighted to help students by contributing to the Aims Foundation scholarship funds.

b. Executive Vice President/Academic Affairs – Dr. Russ Rothamer
   o Workforce Development Report
     ▪ Dr. Rothamer introduced Rob Abernathy, Academic Dean for Public Safety, Transportation, and Workforce Development; and Shayna Howell, Program Director for Workforce Development and Innovation.
       1. Dean Abernathy provided highlights from their written report for the Center for Workforce Development and Innovation (CWDI) which includes the Commercial Driver’s License (CDL) program, Continuing Education, Corporate Training, and College for Kids.
       2. Accomplishments, future goals, and statistics were reviewed for each area.
       3. Ms. Howell introduced the CWDI staff and acknowledged their contributions to the programs.

   o Economic Value of Northern Colorado’s Public Colleges and Universities
     EMSI Report
     ▪ Dr. Rothamer introduced Jeff Adcock, Interim Director of Institutional Research & Assessment.
       1. Mr. Adcock reviewed the Economic Value of Northern Colorado’s Public Colleges and Universities Executive Summary conducted by EMSI (a labor market analytics firm).
       2. The study included Aims Community College, Colorado State University, Front Range Community College, and the University of Northern Colorado.
       3. Statistics in the report included both the economic impact and an investment analysis.

     ▪ This EMSI report will be released publicly on February 25 beginning at 4:00 p.m. at the Rio Restaurant, Agave Room, Old Town Fort Collins.
Data related specifically to Aims Community College will be shared at a future date.

c. Administrative Services – Chuck Jensen, Vice President for Administrative Services
   o Budget Update:
     ▪ Revenue – tuition is on track; fees and other income are up due to the aviation program.
     ▪ Expenses – are on track.
   o Fort Lupton Urban Renewal Authority (FLURA) Report:
     ▪ Mr. Jensen explained this tax increment revenue sharing agreement.
     ▪ Legal research is being conducted and a possible action item may be brought to the Board in the future.

d. Community & College Relations Report – Timothy Ullmann, Vice President for Community & College Relations
   o Mr. Ullmann provided a handout to the Board on SB20-143 “Funding Higher Education Student Transition Programs” modeled after the Aims2UNC program.
     ▪ Aims CEO/President Dr. Bornstein and UNC President Dr. Feinstein will testify on this Senate Bill on February 13.
   o Mr. Ullmann and Chair Achziger will be attending the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) Legislative Summit in Washington DC.
   o United States Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos and Congressman Ken Buck visited Aims to learn about educational pathways to jobs. They toured Allied Health and the Applied Technology and Trades Center (ATTC).
     ▪ CEO/President Bornstein thanked all staff and especially Mr. Ullmann for an impressive and smoothly-executed visit for Secretary DeVos and Congressman Buck.
   o Mr. Ullmann congratulated the Fort Lupton Campus as recipients of the Business of the Year at the Southeast Weld County Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner on February 1.

e. Student Engagement, Inclusion, and Success Report - Dr. Sarah Wyscaver, Vice President for Student Engagement, Inclusion, and Success (SEIS)
   o Dr. Wyscaver explained current partnerships that SEIS is forming including the Aims2UNC partnership. Counterparts at both institutions are working together toward becoming Hispanic Serving Institutions.
   o Dr. Wyscaver introduced Shannon McCasland, Dean of Students; and Nelson Rodriguez, Executive Director of Student Activities, Inclusion, and Leadership (SAIL).
     ▪ Ms. McCasland and Mr. Rodriguez shared how Aims is addressing the basic needs of students to help them achieve their academic potential.
     ▪ They shared usage rates of the Student Emergency Fund, Arty’s Pantry, the CARE Program, Counseling, and Disability Access Services.
     ▪ Contributions to Arty’s Pantry may be made by non-perishable food items as well as monetary gifts through the Aims Foundation.
Comments from the President:
  - CEO/President’s Report:
    - Dr. Bornstein reviewed her meetings of note.
      1. She highlighted the first meeting of the “Exponential Velocity Think Tank”. This ad hoc committee consists of 20 industry and Aims employee leaders. The goal is to make recommendations that can be incorporated into the current strategic plan and develop ideas for the next strategic plan.
  - Employee Report
    - Supervisors’ introduced new employees.

VIII. Action Items
  a. FY 2020-21 Proposed Tuition Rates, Chuck Jensen, Vice President for Administrative Services
    - Mr. Jensen proposed no increase in tuition for FY 2020-21.
    - This will be the tenth consecutive year of no increases.

ON THE MOTION OF RAY PETERSON, THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE FY 2020-21 TUITION RATES AS PRESENTED.

  b. Location of Public Board Meeting Notices, Carrie Schaefer-Randolph, Board Liaison
    - Ms. Schaefer-Randolph reviewed the Colorado statute for location of public meeting notices.

ON THE MOTION OF HEIDI WINDELL, THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE LOCATION OF PUBLIC BOARD MEETING NOTICES AS PRESENTED.

IX. Information Items – Chair Lyle Achziger
  a. Board Calendar of Events
    - Chair Achziger reviewed the Board’s calendar of events.
  b. January Retreat Follow-Up (Board Priority A)
    - Chair Achziger noted that the retreat focused on reaching the Board’s goals, boardsmanship and teamwork.
  c. Distinguished Fellow Nominations Deadline, February 28, 2020 & Selection of BOT representative to Distinguished Fellow Committee
    - Trustee O’Hara volunteered to chair the committee on behalf of the Board.

X. Comments from Board Members
  a. Progress on Board Priorities
    - Several Trustees attended the Colorado Higher Education Governing Boards Training on January 7.
  b. Each Trustee shared their respective comments of the meeting and progress toward Board priorities.
XI. Assessment of Board Meeting/Plus Delta
   a. What did we learn?
   b. What worked? What didn’t work?
   c. Did we focus on oversight? Strategy? Challenges?
   d. Did we receive the information we needed to have an effective conversation?
   e. Did everyone have an opportunity to speak?

The meeting was adjourned on the motion of Ray Peterson at 3:44 p.m. by Chair Achziger.