Board of Trustees
BUSINESS MEETING
Friday, June 12, 2026
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. MT
Gaylord Hall – Worner Campus Center

Minutes

Present: Kari Alldredge, Buck Blessing, Ed Bowditch, Heather Carroll, Ed Casias, Lilly Chen, Dan Cooper (Emeritus) Carolyn Cullen, Jerome DeHerrera, Eric Duran, Frieda Ekotto, Joe Ellis, Jane Franke, Landon Hartman (Student Trustee), Jena Hausmann, Amy Louis (Vice Chair), Liza Malott Pohle (virtual), Andrew Masterman, Mary Naphtal, So Yong Park, Dan Porterfield, Jen Rodi Hoglin, Kyle Samuel (Chair), Laila Scott, Robert Selig (Emeritus), Phil Swan (Emeritus), John Troubh, R. Thayer Tutt Jr., Mike Ukropina, Lauren Watel (Secretary), Manya Whitaker (President), Chester White and Alan Woo (virtual).

Trustees Excused: Jeff Keller and Ryan Haygood.

Staff & Faculty Present: Pedro de Araujo, Johanna Blickenstaff, Molly Bodnar, Tony Cabasco, Emily Chan, Tracy Coleman, Khaleel Gathers, Samilja Heim, Monica Indrebo, Lesley Irvine, Lacy Karpilo, Beth Malmskog, Rosalie Rodriguez, Lori Seager, Mike Siddoway, and Ryan Simmons.

8:00 a.m.	I	**Welcome & Call to Order.....** **a. ACTION ITEM: Approval of Minutes from February 21, 2026**	Chair Kyle Samuel	Information Approval

Board Chair Samuel called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m. MT and welcomed Trustees, Faculty, and Staff. Chair Samuel recommended approval of the Business Meeting minutes from February 21, 2026. Trustee Laila Scott motioned for approval; the motion was seconded by Trustee Ed Casias, no abstentions or further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

8:00 a.m.	II.	**Faculty Executive Committee, Co-Chair Report.....**	Beth Malmskog & Tracy Coleman	Information

Faculty Executive Committee (FEC) Co-Chairs, Tracy Coleman and Beth Malmskog, thanked the Board and introduced the incoming FEC Chair, Mike Siddoway, who will serve as Chair in the 2026-27 Academic Year. The FEC Co-Chairs reported on the new Faculty Review process independent from the FEC, the increased participation of faculty in the revised faculty committee election process, and the completion of a two-year restructuring of appointed faculty committees.

FEC Co-Chairs shared concerns from Faculty regarding the Board's review process for promotion and tenure. The Board acknowledged these concerns and noted the Board's institutional oversight ensures procedural integrity and stewardship for the significant institutional investment of tenure decisions. The Board shared their appreciation for the process which showcases the exemplary Faculty at CC. The Board and FEC Co-Chairs discussed this in detail and closed with a mutual understanding that all parties are working to maintain CC's mission. The Board thanked the FEC Co-Chairs for their report and their service.

8:30 a.m. **III. Institutional Review Update.....** Manya Whitaker Information

President Whitaker shared initial results of the Institutional Review report by Baker Tilly. The in-depth process involved data collection, stakeholder engagement, comparative benchmarking and more. The report reaffirmed the institution's strengths and confirmed college leadership have identified correct priority areas for improvement, which were discussed in detail. College leadership will incorporate changes into divisional strategic plans and keep the Board updated on progress. There will be a Special Board Meeting on July 15, 2026, for Board-focused input into several key areas of the Institutional Review.

9:15 a.m. **Break**

The Board broke for recess from 9:25 a.m. to 9:36 a.m. MT.

9:30 a.m. **IV. Board Business Items.....**

a. ACTION ITEM: Full Professor Promotions..... Emily Chan Approval

Dean of the Faculty Emily Chan motioned for approval of Full Professor promotions for the following faculty: Amy Dounay with the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry; Corina McKendry with the department of Political Science and the Environmental Studies and Science Program; Dylan Nelson with the department of Film and Media; Alistaire Tallent with the department of French and Francophone Studies; Santiago Guerra with the Southwest Studies Program; and Andrea Marinescu with the department of Spanish and Portuguese. Trustee Ed Bowditch seconded the motion, no abstentions or further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

b. ACTION ITEM: Faculty Handbook Changes..... Emily Chan Approval

Dean of the Faculty Emily Chan motioned for approval of four Faculty Handbook changes, which include revisions regarding governance updates and committees, Election Procedure and Tenure Review Committee changes, updates on the language for Expectations of Faculty Service and procedural clarifications for tenure/promotion review. Trustee Carolyn Carroll seconded the motion, no abstentions or further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

10:00 a.m. **V. Strategic Project Team Presentation.....** Laila Scott Information

a. ACTION ITEM: Advancement & Alumni Engagement Committee Charter Approval Approval

Strategic Project Team (SPT) Chair Laila Scott reviewed the goals of establishing this new standing committee of the Board and elements of the committee charter established by the project team. The committee will support the Board of Trustees and the President in strengthening lifelong alumni relationships with the college and provide Board-level oversight, strategic guidance, and assurance related to alumni engagement and advancement capacity, alignment, and effectiveness, in support of the College's philanthropic, reputational, and strategic priorities.

SPT Chair Scott motioned for approval of the charter, the motion was seconded by Trustee Mike Ukropina, no abstentions or further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

10:30 a.m. **VI. Committee Updates & Action Items.....** Committee Chairs

a. **Buildings, Grounds & Infrastructure Committee.....** Chester White Approval

i. **ACTION ITEM: Schematic Design Phase Approval**

Committee Chair Chester White provided a brief update on the committee's work on the science and innovation hub campaign, deferred maintenance, and review of on-campus housing.

Committee Chair White motioned for formal authority to proceed with the Schematic Design phase for the science building. Board Chair Samuel seconded the motion, no abstentions or further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

b. **Budget & Finance Committee.....** Eric Duran Approval

i. **ACTION ITEM: 2026-27FY Budget Approval**

Committee Chair Eric Duran reported on year-end results which reflected a balanced operating budget for FY2026. Committee Chair Duran highlighted significant challenges facing the FY2027 operating budget, how the College will address the budget shortfall, and mechanisms to reduce operating expenses across the College. The Board discussed these items in detail with College Leadership, acknowledging it will be a difficult year.

Committee Chair Duran motioned for approval of the proposed 2027 FY operating budget. The motion was seconded by Board Vice Chair Amy Louis, no abstention or further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

c. **Audit Subcommittee…….** Jena Hausmann Information

Audit Subcommittee Chair Jena Hausmann shared recent work by the committee which includes review and submission of the institution's tax forms, collaboration on the enterprise risk management plan, and restricted scholarship and award eligibility language making progress. There were no action items from the committee at this time.

d. **Governance Committee.....** Carolyn Cullen Information

i. **ACTION ITEM: Student Trustee Recommendation** Approval

Governance Committee Chair Carolyn Cullen provided an update on revisions to the Board's bylaws which include both technical and procedural changes throughout. The revised bylaws will come forward for Board approval in July 2026 via electronic vote.

Committee Chair Cullen moved for approval to appoint two Student Trustees, Yumna Ali '27 and Amy Yang '27, for the 2026-27 Academic Year. The motion was seconded by Trustee So Yong Park, no abstentions or further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

ii. **ACTION ITEM: Charter Trustee Recommendation,** Carolyn Cullen Approval

Committee Chair Cullen motioned for approval to appoint alumnus Orren Fox '20 as a Charter Trustee with a term start of July 1, 2026. Trustee Buck Blessing seconded the motion, no abstentions or further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

iii. **ACTION ITEM: Emeritus Trustee Recommendation** Carolyn Cullen Approval

Committee Chair Cullen motioned for approval to appoint alumna and former Board Chair Susie Burghart '77 as Trustee Emerita. Trustee Ed Bowditch seconded the motion, no abstentions or further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

e. **Investment Committee.....** John Troubh Information

Investment Committee Chair John Troubh reported the endowment is performing well, the committee recently reviewed investment fees and Capital Partner's performance and will discuss the idea of the college having a Chief Investment Officer.

f. **Student Success Committee.....** Dan Porterfield Information

Student Success Committee Chair Dan Porterfield reviewed the areas the committee focused on this year which included revision of the committee charter, student and faculty research, equity of the student experience, and more. Committee Chair Porterfield thanked staff and committee members for their work this year.

11:30 a.m. **VII. Executive Session (Trustees Only) .....** Kyle Samuel Discussion

Board Chair Samuel thanked and excused Cabinet. The Board entered into Executive Session at 11:04 a.m. MT.

12:00 p.m. **VIII**. **Adjourn**

Board Chair Samuel adjourned the meeting at 11:32 a.m. MT.

<u>WRITTEN REPORTS ONLY (IX. THROUGH XIII.)*</u>

IX. End-of-Year Reports
- a. President's Office..... Manya Whitaker
- b. Advancement..... Molly Bodnar
- c. Athletics & Recreation..... Lesley Irvine
- d. Communications & Marketing ..... Johanna Blickenstaff
- e. Dean of the College/ Chief Operating Office (Student Success)..... Pedro de Araujo
- f. Enrollment ..... Tony Cabasco
- g. Faculty, Dean of..... Emily Chan
- h. Finance & Administration..... Lori Seager
- i. Human resources..... Ryan Simmons
- j. Information Technology..... Khaleel Gathers
- k. Institutional Equity & Belonging..... Rosalie Rodriguez
- l. Student Life..... Lacy Karpilo

X. Faculty Executive Committee..... Beth Malmskog & Tracy Coleman

XI. Staff Council..... Co-Chairs

XII. Student Government Association..... Royce Hinojosa '26

XIII. Dashboards..... Ben Moffit

*Corresponding reports are posted in BoardEffect