



**Colorado College Board of Trustees**

June 15, 2018, 10:15 am

Business Meeting

Robert Trent Jones Room, Broadmoor Golf Club

**Summary of Proceedings**

**In Attendance:** Sue Allon, Sam Bronfman, Susie Burghart, John Chalik, Carolyn Cullen, Jerome DeHerrera, Joe Ellis, Jesse Horn, Jeff Keller, Ben Kieklak, Amy Louis, Tafari Lumumba, Eric Mellum, Natalie Pham, Adam Press, Bob Ross, Jarod Rutledge, Bob Selig, Michael Slade, Andy Stenovec, Phil Swan, Brian Thomson, Jill Tiefenthaler, John Troubh, R. Thayer Tutt, Cole Wilbur, Jack Wold.

**Not in attendance:** Neal Baer, Heather Carroll, Lynne Cheney, Ryan Haygood, Manuel Martinez\*, Eben Moulton, Liza Malott Pohle, Eyner Roman-Lopez\*, Tony Rosendo, Marc St. John, Martha Wolday.

**Staff in attendance:** Mike Edmonds, Mark Hatch, Robert Moore, Sean Pieri, Ken Ralph, Alan Townsend, Jane Turnis, Kim Waldron, Lyrae Williams, Sandi Wong.

\*Attended other board retreat sessions, but not the business meeting

**Introductory Remarks**

Susie Burghart thanked Sean Pieri for providing an update on the campaign and Mark Hatch for reviewing enrollment management information during the plenary session that preceded the business meeting. She welcomed Alan Townsend to his first board meeting and thanked the board for participating in the anti-bias workshop facilitated by Dr. Devona Williams. Susie also thanked President Tiefenthaler for her presentation on trend in higher education, which highlighted a number of financial and demographic factors that will continue to be important as CC looks to sustain excellence in the future.

Approval of the board meeting minutes of February 24, 2018 *was moved, seconded and approved unanimously.*

Noting that Natalie Pham and Joe Ellis had been elected as new trustees by the board at its February meeting, Ms. Burghart called for a motion to approve the following:

Tafari Lumumba: for a six-year term as elected alumni trustee

Eyner Roman-Lopez '19: for a one year term as student trustee

Jarod Rutledge '17: for a two-year term as young alumni trustee

Mr. Lumumba and Mr. Rutledge left the meeting room. ***A motion to elect these new trustees was moved, seconded and approved, unanimously.*** Jerome DeHerrera administered the oath of office to Ms. Pham, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Lumumba and Mr. Rutledge. The oath will be given to Mr. Roman-Lopez at the November board meeting.

Ms. Burghart then thanked each of the trustees whose terms of office were ending with this meeting: Martha Wolday, Heather Carroll, Ben Kieklak, Bob Selig and John Chalik. The board toasted the new trustees and the outgoing trustees with long rounds of applause. The outgoing trustees in attendance, John Chalik, Ben Kieklak and Bob Selig, thanked the board and expressed willingness to continue to serve the college.

### **President's Report**

President Tiefenthaler said that an external review of racism on campus will begin in the fall semester. Over the summer, she will assemble a steering committee of faculty, staff, students and alumni, including a trustee. The steering committee will help choose the individual or team who will perform the review, and advise on the review process. In related developments, she noted that the investigation into the white-supremacist email sent to campus in March is continuing, with the help of Jerome DeHerrera and the college's attorneys.

President Tiefenthaler gave an update on the narrowing of Cascade Avenue. She reported that some residents of the Old North End have filed an injunction, which is delaying the project. A decision on the injunction is due in mid-July. Further, she reported neighborhood opposition to CC's demolition of abandoned properties on Weber Street to create a parking lot.

President Tiefenthaler reported that commencement went very well. Professor Elizabeth Coggins delivered the Baccalaureate address in which she urged students to turn away from polarization and division. Nancy Nagel Gibbs '71 gave an excellent commencement address and spoke about how her CC education continues to influence her career and life. Honorary degree recipients Nancy Gibbs, David Buck, Frieda Ekotto and Peggy Fleming Jenkins (all CC alumni) were thrilled to be honored.

President Tiefenthaler thanked Susie Burghart, Sue Allon, Bill Campbell, Heather Carroll, Jerome DeHerrera, Bob Manning, Phil Swan, Tony Rosendo, Brian Thomson, Martha Wolday, and Ben Kieklak (who graduated and led the tassel ceremony) for attending commencement and making the day special for graduates and their families.

President Tiefenthaler then introduced Provost Alan Townsend to the board. Provost Townsend spoke about his background, his deep appreciation for the liberal arts and the importance and relevance of CC's liberal arts education.

### **Strategic Project Team (SPT) Updates:**

**Athletics:** Sean Pieri and Ken Ralph provided an update on Robson Arena and City for Champions funding. They reported that CC is likely to form a partnership with the City of Colorado Springs and the Colorado Switchbacks soccer team to pursue C4C funding. If the partnership goes forward there will be an official announcement in July followed by presentations of the projects to the state Economic Development Corporation in July or August. President Tiefenthaler thanked Joe Ellis and Bob Manning for their work on the project to date

**Innovation:** Bob Selig described the work of the Innovation SPT and developments related to Innovation at CC, including the search for an associate director, and the recent campaign kickoff event in San Francisco that focused on innovation. He noted that innovation programs will help CC students thrive in a world that is changing rapidly.

**Transitions** – Jerome DeHerrera reported that the Transitions SPT held a series of meetings throughout the spring, including a half day retreat, to discuss the merits of creating an office to focus on volunteer engagement. As a result of these discussions, the SPT recommends creating such an office to pilot programs for alumni and to coordinate closely with the Career Center.

### **Dean's Report:**

Dean Sandi Wong presented proposed changes to the Faculty Handbook, explaining that most of the changes are the result of the creation of the Provost position. ***A motion to approve the changes was made, seconded and approved unanimously.***

Dean Wong also presented recommendations for faculty to be promoted to full professorship: Tamara Bentley (Art), Genevieve Love (English), Gail Murphy-Geiss (Sociology), and Rebecca Tucker (Art). ***A motion to approve the recommendations was made, seconded and approved unanimously.***

Dean Wong reported that CC has been reaccredited by the Higher Learning Commission and received a very favorable report with no requirements for ongoing

monitoring. She thanked trustees for participating in the reaccreditation process. President Tiefenthaler thanked Dean Wong for her tremendous work on reaccreditation and the board responded with a round of applause.

### **Bylaw Amendment**

Mr. DeHerrera, chair of the Governance Committee, presented a proposed amendment to the bylaws that clarifies the terms of service of Alumni Trustees who then serve as Charter Trustees. He noted that the Governance Committee recommends the board approve this amendment. *A motion was made to approve the amendment to the bylaws, and was seconded and approved unanimously.*

### **Other Business**

Robert Moore noted that the Investment Committee will meet in New York on September 6. All trustees are welcome to attend.

Mr. Selig commented that trustees should make every effort to attend board meetings.

President Tiefenthaler drew attention to an article, distributed to trustees, on the Broadmoor Art Academy (the predecessor of the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center), which will celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its founding in 2019.

### **Adjournment**

The business meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.

### **Executive Session**

The board convened an executive session at 11:30 a.m. and adjourned approximately 15 minutes later.

Respectfully submitted,



Susan S. Burghart  
Chair