

Colorado College Board of Trustees
Business Meeting
November 6, 2020
12-3 p.m.

In attendance: Sue Allon, Onyx Bengston, Sam Bronfman, Susie Burghart, Bill Campbell, Heather Carroll, John Chalik, Dan Cooper, Carolyn Cullen, Jerome DeHerrera, Eric Duran, Mike Edmonds, Frieda Ekotto, Joe Ellis, Jane Franke, Lisa Hastings, Ryan Haygood, Jesse Horn, Jeff Keller, Amy Louis, Tafari Lumumba, Liza Malott Pohle, Kishen Mangat, Robert Moore, Eben Moulton, Doug Norberg, So Yong Park, Jane Rawlings, Bob Ross, Kyle Samuel, Bob Selig, Van Skilling, Andy Stenovec, Phil Swan, Brian Thomson, John Troubh, Thayer Tutt, Lauren Watel, Elliott Williams, Jack Wold, Alan Woo

Not in attendance: Neal Baer, Bill Hybl, Mike Lampton, Bob Manning, Manuel Martinez, Natalie Pham, Adam Press, Mike Slade, Winddance Twine, Cole Wilbur, Brian Williamson, Nancy Woodrow, Sue Woolsey

Staff in attendance: Andrea Bruder, Pedro de Araujo, Rochelle Dickey, Claire Garcia, Lori Hamacher, Mark Hatch, Lesley Irvine, Jane Turnis, John Wallace, Lyrae Williams, Brian Young

Guests: Anne Koellhoffer, Shelly Storbeck

Introductory Remarks

Chair Susie Burghart welcomed trustees to the meeting, which took place virtually. She thanked Acting Co-Presidents Mike Edmonds and Robert Moore, Acting Provost and Dean of the Faculty Claire Garcia, and cabinet for their leadership during a challenging academic year.

In anticipation of future meetings again being held virtually, she then asked trustees to contact Lori Hamacher in advance if there are future committee and SPT meetings they would like to attend. These virtual meetings require additional scheduling, planning, and structure.

Ms. Burghart also asked trustees to complete the KRCC questionnaire they had received an email about on Tuesday, November 3. Completion of the questionnaire is required for KRCC's FCC renewal. ***Approval of the minutes was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously.***

Presidents Report

Ms. Burghart then introduced Mr. Edmonds and Mr. Moore to give the Presidents' Report.

Mr. Edmonds thanked the board for their participation in the twice monthly KPAWNS sessions, which have included presentations from Acting Provost and Dean of the Faculty Claire Garcia and Vice President for Enrollment Mark Hatch.

Mr. Edmonds stated that conversations with Campus Safety and the Colorado Springs Police Department about campus safety are ongoing and proceeding constructively. Mr. Edmonds also reported that he recently met with the CSPD police chief, who is committed to having a productive and healthy relationship with the college and the campus.

CC Votes, a student group did much to prepare for the November 3, 2020, election, underscoring the importance of civic engagement.

Colorado College's antiracism work continues and is receiving recognition. Carleton College contacted CC about the work we are doing. Colorado College also has been invited to join the University of Southern California Race and Equity Center's newly established Liberal Arts Colleges Racial Equity Leadership Alliance.

As the college nears the end of the semester, preparation is underway for a safe return for Block J and Block 5.

The college has recently received several gifts, including a grant from the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation to support State of the Rockies. The college also has received a grant from Inasmuch Foundation to name the forthcoming student services building for Barbara Yalich '54 and Milo "Mike" Yalich '50. The building will be attached to Ed Robson Arena. In addition, the college received a grant from the Sachs Foundation to Black students who are pursuing careers in education.

Mr. Moore reported that many staff are taking on additional roles as the college responds to the Coronavirus pandemic, noting that this model is not sustainable.

The college has experienced a \$13 million budget shortfall and is planning for a \$9 million shortfall in the Spring 2021 semester. The college plans to go to the bond market to borrow additional funds.

Ms. Burghart referred to the report in the Board Book about the bond resolution.

COVID-19 Update

Vice President for Information Technology/Chief Technology Officer Brian Young gave an update on the college's ongoing response to COVID-19. He noted that the situation in Colorado was not going well, with the state experiencing its highest positive test rates and highest numbers of hospitalizations since the pandemic began.

Colorado's governor has signed an executive order that deems K-12 and institutions of higher learning critical businesses, a move made in anticipation of a possible future move to stay at home orders.

El Paso County is currently in Safer at Home, Phase 2. If we move to Phase 3, there will be more restrictive Safer at Home orders, but Colorado College will still be permitted to operate. CC is currently the safest place in El Paso County. The county has a 12.3% weekly positivity rate and a 7.5% cumulative positivity rate. Colorado College has a .2% weekly positivity rate and a .4% cumulative positivity rate.

The Scientific Advisory Group, led by Associate Dean Andrea Bruder, has implemented mitigation strategies. Testing continues to be strong with 33% random sample tests per week. There are now random sampling tests done with faculty and staff as well. We are utilizing Abbott and PCR tests.

The student body has done a great job of adhering to safety protocols and they are strong advocates among each other. They have proven time and again they want to be here.

We are preparing the CC hockey team for pod living in Omaha, where they will begin their season. With protocol and procedures in place, the Fine Arts Center also will open Nov. 12 with restrictions.

Freida Ekotto commented that she was currently on campus and impressed by the students she saw outside, who all were wearing masks.

Committee Reports

Special Nominating Committee: Board Chair Susie Burghart described the role of the Special Nominating Committee, which has been assembled to select a new slate of officers because the terms of Chair Susie Burghart, Vice Chair Jeff Keller, and Secretary Jerome DeHerrera will expire June 30, 2021.

The Special Nominating Committee consists of Ms. Burghart, Carolyn Cullen, Mike Edmonds,

members. He reported that he believes our new partners will provide a good, disciplined policy going forward.

Budget and Finance Committee: Phil Swan report included an update about the state of the college's financial situation. There is a \$13 million shortfall, but \$9 million in savings due to budget reductions. A \$4.1 million delta of other things to consider are: debt restructuring, elimination of retirement contributions for another six months, residence halls. So far, COVID

Governance: Kyle Samuel reported that two Charter Trustees would be voted on during the

rather than later. In addition, the SPT is considering the impacts of recruiting additional faculty of color, providing additional Career Center resources, and making a deeper ongoing investment in the Antiracism Initiative.

Fine Arts Center Advisory Board

Due to technical difficulties on the call, Ms. Allon was not able to deliver the report, but did provide this written summary:

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Report to the Colorado College Board of Trustees on the Fine Arts Center

This will be my last report to the Board as the Colorado College-designated representative on the Fine Arts Center Advisory Board. The FAC's bylaws prohibit the CC-appointed trustee from chairing the Advisory Board. I am grateful to Heather Carroll for assuming the role of Board-designee, a move that enables me to accept the role of Chair of the Fine Arts Center Advisory Board as an at-large member.

The Fine Arts Center's museum will open on November 12 under COVID-related restrictions. The museum's reopening has been a major endeavor at a time when the College has been occupied with the pressing concerns of its own ability to remain open and fully operational during the pandemic. We are very grateful to CC's leadership, including our co-Presidents and Brian Young, all of whom worked closely with FAC Director Idris Goodwin and his staff to earn El Paso County's approval to reopen.

*Although the FAC has been closed and, once open, will remain limited in its in-person offerings, several new online offerings have both kept the spirit of the Center alive and created revenues. I encourage you to visit the FAC's website at <https://fac.coloradocollege.edu/>, and consider subscribing to the wonderful audio-theater series, *Of Spacious Skies*. This 12-episode series explores Colorado Springs' history. *Broadway on Demand*, with a multitude of Broadway shows, is also offered through the FAC website. The much-anticipated Cheech Marin exhibit of Chicano art will be offered online in December, and a virtual meet-and-greet with Mr. Marin is in the works.*

Under the leadership of Performing Arts Director Scott Levy, the FAC received a remarkable 21 nominations for Henry awards this year, and won 15 of them. The Henrys recognize outstanding achievement in Colorado theater. This is the most awards ever won in a year by any institution. In addition, the Colorado Independent recently gave the FAC its prestigious Gold Award for Arts Gallery, another noteworthy achievement.

Idris Goodwin reported that the FAC staff submitted its documentation for American Alliance of Museums re-accreditation on November 1. A site visit will most likely be scheduled for March.

As is the case throughout the College, the FAC is doing its best during these difficult times, operating with limited staff and under the pressure of severely-reduced revenues. The FAC leadership recognizes and appreciates the positive, energetic support that the College has given it.

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With no additional business to discuss, Ms. Burghart adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan S. Burghart
Chair