I. The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m.

II. Roll Call

Board of Trustees

Chairman Tim Walters – Present
Vice Chair Rice – Present
Trustee Bachicha – Present
Trustee Darricades – Present
Trustee Griffin - Present
Trustee Montoya – Present

Trustee Oreck – Excused
Trustee Scoggin – Present
Trustee Valdez – Present
Faculty Trustee Armstrong – Present
Student Trustee Pryor – Present

ASC Staff, Students and Others

Eric Carpio – Admissions Office
Larry Freedberg – Office of the State Architect
Bill Mansheim – Finance and Administration
Michael Mumper – Provost’s Office

David Svaldi – Office of the President
James Trujillo – Office of the President
Erik van de Boogaard – Facilities Services
Nancy Wahl – Attorney General’s Office

III. Approval of Agenda

Chairman Walters called for a motion to approve the agenda as submitted. Trustee Valdez moved the motion for approval. Trustee Montoya seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

V. Meeting Business

A. General Action Items
1. Election of Officers

Chairman Walters informed the Board that the election of officers, in accordance with the bylaws, occurs annually. Each voting board member was provided a ballot for the selection of Chairman and Vice Chairman. The results of the ballots were unanimously in favor of Tim Walters continuing as Chairman and Ann Rice to continue as Vice Chairman.

B. Information Items

1. Enrollment Overview

Michael Mumper, Provost, presented an enrollment update and provided handouts with comparative enrollment data. The information presented showed a substantial increase in first time, transfer, continuing, undergraduate resident and graduate student enrollment. The new sports programs, the economy and an aggressive enrollment growth strategy are attributing factors to the increase in enrollment. Non-resident undergraduate enrollment is down from the previous year possibly due to the downturn in the economy.

The board continued discussions regarding student application data/volume and addressed the possibility of a housing shortage as a result of the increase in enrollment and the renovation of Coronado A-wing, areas targeted for recruitment efforts, over-all status of campus resources, and addressing the needs of students with the developmental issues with new curricular initiatives that will bridge those students who are not yet prepared for college-level courses.

C. Discussion

1. Enrollment Management Retreat: Explanation of Process and Evaluation Matrix and Discussion of Various Initiatives

Dr. Mumper, Provost, explained and the board discussed the current enrollment strategies being used which included the hiring of an enrollment management consulting firm, Noel-Levitz. The firm met with Cabinet for a two day period where short and long term strategies/tactics were identified and reviewed, and developed plans to move forward. A matrix was used to prioritize each strategy based on five criteria: alignment with the visions and values of the college, the likelihood of impacting enrollment, return on investment, complexity of the strategy, and how much advantage it would provide the institution overall.

Dr. Mumper and Eric Carpio, Director of Admissions, further emphasized the importance of entitlement scholarships and how the institution might benefit from them. The scholarship would be based on potential student’s high school grades and test scores and would attract those students with higher scores potentially increasing retention rates.

The board continued with general discussion related to retention, capital improvements, and methods of improving future enrollment.

Please note: Agenda item V-F was taken out of sequence on the agenda with Board acquiescence.
F. Additional Board Discussion

1. Statewide Master Plan for Higher Education & Board Succession Planning

President Svaldi informed the board of a state-wide initiative proposed by the Governor and the Department of Higher Education with an initial meeting scheduled for September 21st in Denver. Initial discussion by CEO’s has been unfavorable due to the uncertainty of future funding for higher education. The Board discussed their role in the initiative and the demands it would have on the institution. Several trustees agreed to attend the September 21st meeting.

Agenda Resumes

D. Information

1. Campus Master Plan Update

Erik van de Boogaard, Associate Vice President for Facilities Planning, Design & Construction, presented an update on current and future projects on campus. He updated the board on the institution’s 5-year Capital Construction Requests that were submitted to the Department of Higher Education. The Richardson Hall renovation project was resubmitted with more realistic cost estimates with life safety issues emphasized due to its primary stick construction, no ventilation and poor electrical service. The ESS Building, music, Library/Student Success, Science building expansion, and Nursing buildings were also listed with realistic costs.

Faculty Trustee Armstrong asked about previous discussions the board had with the San Luis Valley Regional Medical Center regarding possible collaborations on a new nursing facility. Bill Mansheim, Vice President of Finance and Administration, informed the board that collaborations are ongoing and that Federal funds have been received for a simulation lab. Trinidad State Junior College, Valley Wide Health Systems and the SLV Regional Medical Center have all agreed to fund remodeling existing space in Richardson Hall due to funds not being available for the construction of a new structure at the hospital site. A new nursing building is in the master building plan for future growth of the nursing program.

Mr. van de Boogaard informed the board of several other projects including various housing renovations, the construction of a High Altitude Training facility and possible construction of a new housing complex. Additionally, a brief update was given on the progress of the construction of the new parking lot located west of Neilson Library and the next steps in the construction of the new residence hall.

The geothermal well project has been progressing slowly due to the number of government agencies involved and the length of time need for approval. Adams State is applying for a $5 million grant for “geothermal projects for higher educational facilities”. The current project, coupled with a possible solar project has the potential of heating the entire campus with a near zero carbon footprint.

Additionally, Mr. van de Boogaard updated the board on the situation with the campus lawn irrigation system. The entire system is currently running on the institution’s non-potable well with the first two phases of the Campus Irrigation Project completed. With the final phase of
the project postponed due to lack of funding, the system is running inefficiently resulting in inconsistent watering. Efforts are being made to make the system work as best as possible.

E. Executive Session – Chairman Walters called for a motion to convene in an executive session pursuant to §24-6-402(3)(a)(II), C.R.S. to meet with the Board’s attorney to discuss pending court action and/or to receive legal advice on specific legal questions. Trustee Bachicha moved the motion. Trustee Darricades seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The public was excused.

Open Session Reconvenes

VI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m. by board acquiescence.