The Trustees for Adams State College convened a meeting on October 8, 2010 on the Adams State College campus, Luther Bean Museum.

I. Call To Order  The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Valdez at 10:07 a.m.

II. Roll Call

Board of Trustees

Chairman Tim Walters – Excused  Trustee Arnold Salazar – Present
Vice Chair Valdez – Present  Trustee LeRoy Salazar – Present
Trustee Darricades – Present  Trustee Scoggin – Present (via phone)
Trustee Griffin – Present  Faculty Trustee Armstrong – Present
Trustee Montoya – Present  Student Trustee Scally – Present
Trustee Rice – Excused  
ASC Staff, Students and Others

Christina Chavez – AS& F  Michael Mumper – Enrollment Management
Lisa Chirieleison – AS&F  Frank Novotny - Academic Affairs
Heather Heersink – Budget Office  Robin Pryor – Student
Matt Hildner – Pueblo Chieftain  David Svaldi – Office of the President
Don Johnston – Graduate School  Jessica Salazar – Attorney General’s Office
Melissa Kam – Student  James Trujillo – Office of the President
Lindsey Nelson – Student

III. Approval of Agenda

Vice Chairman Valdez called for a motion to approve the agenda as submitted. Trustee Montoya moved the motion. Trustee Arnold Salazar seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
IV. Public Comment

Melissa Kam, Adams State College student, informed the Board of a concern she and other Adams State College students have regarding the use of the acronym “ASC” by a state-wide, student-government run organization called the Associated Students of Colorado. The organization advocates for higher education in Colorado and has begun to use the “ASC” acronym to identify their organization. The ASC acronym has long been synonymous with identifying Adams State College and many feel it would be very confusing for two organizations in higher education to use the same identifier.

Ms. Kam spoke to the organization’s general council with this concern and although there was no immediate course of action, they were amenable to continuing discussions in hopes of finding a resolution.

V. Recognition of Rex Activity Center – State Historical Fund Project Completion

Members of the Board gathered briefly at the Adams State College Rex Activity Center for a photo in recognition of the completion of the Rex Rehabilitation State Historical Fund Project.

VI. Consent Agenda Items

Vice Chairman Valdez called for a motion to approve the consent agenda items as submitted which included the following:

- July 29, 2010 Board of Trustees Planning Session/Meeting Minutes
- August 26, 2010 Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes

Trustee Griffin moved the motion. Trustee Darricades seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Action Items

A. Approval of the Financial Accountability Plan

Bill Mansheim, Vice President for Finance and Governmental Relations, explained to the Board that the passing of Senate Bill 10-03 requires the institution to submit a Financial Accountability Plan to the Department of Higher Education consisting of two models. The first model illustrates how the institution would cope with an approximate $1.7 million reduction in the General Fund budget, and the second model assumes a $2.5 million loss in state funding. Additionally, the institution is required to illustrate how a possible reduction in state funding would affect the institution’s tuition and fee structure, assuming the institution would need to completely make up for the loss of state funds for both models. Vice President Mansheim explained each model in detail, including debt loading and financial aid packaging, and the Board discussed the plan at length.

Trustee Arnold Salazar motioned to approve the Financial Accountability Plan noting the Board’s strong concern that the proposed tuition rates are proportionally higher for Adams State students who can least afford the increase verses other institutions. The proposal has a profound negative effect on student’s ability to continue to attend Adams
State as well as a negative effect on the institution’s ability to recruit students of low-income and minority students. It also hinders the institution’s mission as a “regional service provider.” Trustee Montoya seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Approval of the Adams State College Solar Project – Phase 1

Bill Mansheim, Vice President for Finance and Governmental Relations, presented a proposal to the Board to pursue the necessary agreements and land acquisitions to initiate a 2.56 MW DC solar photo voltaic system that would be located on the Adams State campus and adjacent properties, utilizing a combination of ground and rooftop-mounted arrays. The system would produce and estimated 5.3 MWh of clean energy annually which would account for approximately 30% of the institution’s annual energy consumption.

After discussion by the Board, including logistics, financing and length of terms, Vice Chairman Valdez called for a motion for approval of the Solar Project – Phase 1 as presented. Trustee Arnold Salazar moved the motion. Trustee LeRoy Salazar seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting recessed at 11:46 a.m. to allow members of the Board to break for lunch.

Meeting reconvenes with the following Board members present:

Vice Chairman Valdez                              Trustee LeRoy Salazar
Trustee Darricades                                Trustee Scoggin (via phone)
Trustee Griffin                                   Faculty Trustee Armstrong
Trustee Montoya                                   Student Trustee Scally
Trustee Arnold Salazar

Action Items (Cont’d)

C. 2nd Reading/Adoption – ASC Foundation MOU

President Svaldi presented the 2nd reading of the proposed Memorandum of Understanding between Adams State College and the Adams State College Foundation for the Board’s consideration of adoption/approval. The Board briefly discussed the proposed document clarifying its purpose.

Vice Chairman Valdez then called for a motion for the adoption/approval of the proposed Memorandum of Understanding between Adams State College and the Adams State College Foundation as presented. Trustee Darricades moved the motion. Trustee LeRoy Salazar seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
D. 2nd Reading/Adoption – ASC Parental Leave Policy

President presented the 2nd reading of the proposed Adams State College Faculty Parental Leave Policy for the Board’s consideration of adoption/approval. When the proposed policy was initially presented to the Board at the August 2010 meeting, a formal vote of the faculty had been requested prior to consideration of approval. The results of the requested vote were 51 faculty in favor, and 12 opposed with a 69% of Tenure/Tenure track faculty voting.

Vice Chairman Valdez called for a motion for the adoption/approval of the Adams State College Faculty Parental Leave Policy as presented. Trustee Griffin moved the motion. Trustee Arnold Salazar seconded. Faculty Trustee Armstrong noted that budgetary considerations will need to be in place in order to fund the policy. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Information

A. Business and Biology Salary Update

Dr. Frank Novotny, Vice President for Academic Affairs, presented an update to the Board regarding the four-phase salary correction plan previously discussed and approved by the Board.

The first three phases of the plan were completed between 2006 and 2008, however the fourth phase, which was a correction of faculty salaries to 90% of the peer group in CUPA, has not been accomplished for Business or Biology faculty. While many faculty in other groups were reviewed and received salary corrections, those in Business and Biology did not because there was no comparison group data from CUPA for these groups. Since then there has been enough comparative data collected to move forward with the salary correction of these two groups. Dr. Novotny noted that the faculty in Business and Biology have been very patient and professional in waiting for the data to become available.

After brief discussion, the Board, as well as President Svaldi and Vice President Mansheim, voiced their continued support of the plan.

B. President’s Report

Dr. David Svaldi presented a brief President’s Report to the Board. Some items reported included: a scheduled meeting on October 14, 2010 at Western State College in Gunnison, CO regarding the proposed Strategic Plan for Higher Education; a discussion with President Bruce Benson on how the CU System might be of assistance to Adams State; the success of the 7th Annual Adams State Autumn@Adams celebration which attracted more than 700 attendees; the visit and invitation by William Porter to all the Porter Scholars to dinner where he reinforced the value of a good education and encouraged the students to continue towards their goals; announced the scheduling of a grand opening celebration for the north end of campus on May 13, 2011; the awarding of a FIPSE Grant to the Southern Colorado Higher Education Consortium to support consortium cooperation and activities in reaching out to the underserved students in
Southern Colorado; and a brief update on the ongoing construction projects including parking lot construction.

C. Enrollment Update

Dr. Michael Mumper, Senior Vice President for Enrollment Management and Program Development, presented a comprehensive enrollment update to the Board. He reported that this year’s Freshman class was the largest in over 10 years at 567 freshmen and the second year in a row of increased freshmen enrollment. The quality, in terms of index and performance of the Freshman class has also increased over the last several years. Total undergraduate enrollment for the fall term was 2248 which represents the sixth straight semester of enrollment growth. Graduate enrollment for the fall was 721 which represents increased enrollment from previous semesters. Additionally, retention rates in residency and race/ethnicity have increased in all categories.

D. Hispanic Serving Activities and Assessment

Michael Mumper, Senior Vice President for Enrollment Management and Program Development, presented a summary of the recent 2010 Title V Grant award. He informed Board that the institution will receive $3.18 million over the next five years to assist with the improvement of student achievement, especially of Hispanic and low-income students, and will help to build and expand the institution’s retention rates. He summarized three activities of the grant which will be implemented in phases and noted that the grant does not allow for the purchasing of furniture or for recruitment activities.

E. Faculty Trustee Update

Faculty Trustee Armstrong informed the Board that the Faculty Senate is working on developing an official procedure for submitting items to the Board of Trustees.

F. Student Trustee Update

Student Trustee Scally updated the Board on several student activities. Student Senate held their quarterly meeting where campus clubs submitted requested for funding. All clubs that requested funding were funded to the best extent possible. He also announced the formation of a new “point system” that will be implemented for future club funding. Each club will have the opportunity to earn a total of 70 points which corresponds to a percentage of the requested funds a club will be awarded. The more activities/participation a club does, the more points the club will earn thus resulting in a higher percentage of requested funding. Additionally, Student Senate held a retreat on September 26, 2010 to familiarize new members with their constitution and set yearly goals.

IX. Executive Session

Vice Chairman Valdez called for a motion to convene in executive session pursuant to §24-6-402(3)(a)(H) C.R.S. to meet with the Board’s attorney to discuss pending court action and to receive legal advice on specific legal questions and/or pursuant to §24-6-402(3)(a)(I) , C.R.S. for the purpose of discussing the purchase or sale of property for public purpose on the basis that early disclosure of the information will give an unfair advantage to a person whose own interest is adverse to the general public interest.
Trustee LeRoy Salazar moved the motion. Trustee Darricades seconded. The motion passed unanimously and the public was excused.

X. **Possible Action**

Bill Mansheim, Vice President for Finance and Governmental Relations, requested permission to draft a letter to Director Rico Munn and the Commissioners at the Colorado Commission on Higher Education on behalf of the Board of Trustees regarding the proposed Strategic Plan for Higher Education and how it the Financial Accountability Plan should illustrate that cutting funding the Adams State is inconsistent with state-wide funding. The Board agreed to the letter.

XI. **Adjournment**

Vice Chairman Valdez called for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Montoya moved the motion. Trustee Griffin seconded. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 3:39 p.m.