The Trustees for Adams State College convened a meeting on Friday, December 19, 2008 on the campus of Adams State College, Student Union Building, rooms A130/127.

I. Call To Order  The meeting was called to order by Chairman Walters at 9:26 a.m.

II. Roll Call

Board of Trustees

Chairman Tim Walters – Present  Trustee Oreck – Excused
Vice Chair Rice – Present  Trustee Scoggin – Present
Trustee Bachicha – Excused  Trustee Valdez – Present
Trustee Darricades – Present  Faculty Trustee Armstrong – Present
Trustee Griffin – Present  Student Trustee Pryor – Present
Trustee Montoya – Present

ASC Staff, Students and Others

Andrea Benton-Maestas – Institutional Research  Michael Mumper – Provost’s Office
Masood Ahmad – Student Engagement & Success  Frank Novotny – APAA
Benita Brink – Faculty Senate President  Tracy Rogers – Department of Human Resources
Eric Carpio – Admissions  Bill Schlaufman – ASC Business Office
Heather Heersink – Budget Office  David Svaldi – Office of the President
Don Johnston – Graduate School  Liz Thomas – School of Business
Kurt Keiser – School of Business  James Trujillo – Office of the President
Di Machado – Nielsen Library Director  Rebecca van Dyke – Valley Courier
Bill Mansheim – Finance and Administration  Julie Waechter – Office of the President
Ken Marquez – Student Affairs  Nancy Wahl – Attorney General’s Office
Paul Mascareneas – Nielsen Library  Diana Wenzel – Extended Campus
Pat McIntyre – School of Business  Grace Young – Sociology Department
Larry Mortensen - Athletics
III. Approval of Agenda

Chairman Walters called for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Trustee Rice moved to approve the agenda. Trustee Montoya seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Public Comment

Dr. Grace Young, Professor of Sociology, along with other members of the community, addressed the Board with regard to the fate of the swimming pool and their desire to see the pool reopen and remain open. A petition with 65 signatures in support of the pool reopening was presented along with a testimonial as to the benefits the swimming pool provides the community. Those present requested that the public be allowed to provide input if the Board should decide to close the swimming in the future.

V. Approval of Consent Agenda

Chairman Walters called for a motion to approve the consent agenda with the amendment of consent agenda item “V-D Approval of the Finance and Audit and the Academic and Student Affairs Committees memberships”, to include the addition of newly appointed Trustee Mary Griffin as a member of the Finance and Audit Committee. Trustee Montoya moved the motion. Trustee Rice seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

***The meeting recessed at 9:42 a.m. to allow members of the Board to attend various committee meetings which were held concurrently.***

Open Session Resumes

I. Call To Order: The meeting was reconvened by Chairman Walter at 1:48 p.m.

II. Roll Call – Roll call was not taken at the boards acquiescence.

III. Action Items

A. Approval of the Masters in Business program proposal

Trustee Rice, Chairman of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, and Trustee Darricades, Chairman of the Finance and Audit Committee, presented their recommendations from their respective committee. Both conveyed recommendations in favor of approval of the proposed Masters in Business programs.

Trustee Rice noted that the MBA proposal will have three areas of emphasis: Leadership, Public Administration, and Health Services Administration, will be offered in an on-line format and in a cohort model with 36 credits. The first cohort is expected to have 40 students with a graduation date of spring 2011.
Trustee Darricades explained that there would be a charge of $395 per credit hour and that courses would be taught with current faculty from the School of Business thus reducing financial strains on the budget. Fifty percent (50%) of the profits from the program will be used for faculty development and technology improvements, and 50% towards School of Business undergraduate and graduate course development.

Chairman Walters called for a motion to approve the Masters in Business program proposal as submitted. Trustee Montoya moved the motion. Trustee Darricades seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Approval of the Enrollment/Recruitment proposal

Trustee Darricades, Chairman of the Finance and Audit Committee, presented the Enrollment/Recruitment proposal that is designed to help increase student enrollment and institutional revenues by adding athletic programs and to maintain/improve the quality of existing programs. The proposal would add or increase the sports of cheerleading, women’s swimming, women’s lacrosse, men’s golf, men’s soccer and men’s swimming resulting in an addition of 75 new student athletes by the fall 2009 and 154 new student athletes by fall 2010. Trustee Darricades emphasized that this proposal is not strictly an athletic proposal. She also noted that due to NCAA depth regulation, swimming meets would not be able to be held on campus. All sports are NCAA sanctioned sports with the exception of cheerleading.

Trustee Valdez encouraged the board to vote in favor of the proposal noting it was a proactive approach to recruitment and encourages other departments on campus to develop similar approaches.

Chairman Walters called for a motion to approve the Enrollment/Recruitment proposal as submitted. Trustee Montoya moved the motion. Trustee Darricades seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Please note: Information item IV-E “ASC Foundation Update” was added and the remaining items renumbered accordingly with Board acquiescence.

C. Approval of the ASC Student Capital Fee Amendment reimbursement resolution

Trustee Darricades, Chairman of the Finance and Audit Committee, and Bill Mansheim, Vice President of Finance and Administration, informed the board that the Committee gave a positive recommendation to approve the expenditure of $498,347 in cash reserves, all of which will be reimbursed out of the Student Capital Fee bond proceeds. Of the amount requested, $248,347 would be used to complete the Nielsen Library Information Commons, and $250,000 would be used for A & E billings related to the Rex Field Residence Hall project.

Chairman Walters called for a motion to approve the ASC Student Capital Fee Amendment reimbursement resolution as presented. Trustee Darricades moved the motion. Trustee Scoggin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
IV. Information Items

A. President’s Report

Dr. David Svaldi gave a brief President’s Report to the Board. Some items reported were: the hosting of many open house events attracting over 250 community members to tour the newly renovated Marvel House; the institution’s participation in a pilot Internet Course Exchange (ICE) consortium project with the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE); comments from the recent “Pizza with the President” student forum; the hosting of a Leadership Development Group which brought together various community leaders to discuss ways to improve community relationships with the college; the ASC Volleyball team advancing to the RMAC semifinals, the ASC men’s and women’s cross country taking 1st place in NCAA Division II, and the ASC football team completing their first winning season in the RMAC since 2004. Once again, Damon Martin was named RMAC as well as National Division II Coach of the Year; also discussed were an editorial written by President Svaldi which was published in the American Council of Education – Council of Fellows newsletter, December edition; and a presentation to CCHE by a collaborative effort among eight southern Colorado college presidents where ASC was highlighted for the over 200 REAP graduates at TSJC, Lamar and OJC since 2000.

B. Board Development

Trustee Rice discussed the need for the Board to participate in a board development training to help define the role and mission of the board, to maximize the potential contributions each member can make, and provide the information each member needs to perform effectively. She proposed having a training during the April meeting that is scheduled to take place in Denver. After a brief discussion, all agreed the Board would benefit from the training and would schedule it to take place at the April meeting in Denver.

C. Faculty Trustee Report

Tim Armstrong, Faculty Trustee updated the Board on various issues faculty is discussing such as defining the role faculty has with administration with regard to shared governance, and concerns dealing with student recruitment and retention.

Please note: with Board acquiescence, a call from the institution’s lobbyist was taken.

Legislative Update

Gil Romero, Adams State College Legislative Lobbyist, gave a brief update on the state of Colorado’s economy and the legislative financial forecast for funding for higher education. There is a huge discrepancy in the estimated general fund shortfall amounts. The Legislative Council estimates a $600 million shortage in general fund dollars to meet the FY08-09 budget, however the Governor’s Budget Director only estimated the shortfall at $73.5 million. The budget shortfall estimates for FY09-10 budget by the Legislative Council and the Governor’s office are $604 million and $354 million respectfully.
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D. Student Trustee Report

Robin Pryor, Student Trustee, gave a brief update on the activities of AS&F. She informed the Board that the Senate composition is comprised of nearly all new members and all have a strong willingness to see the campus improve, are very supportive and have new and intriguing ideas. The entire senate participated in a retreat to help define the roles and expectations of being a Senator. Additionally, Ms. Pryor informed the Board that she is an active member of the Campus Renewal and Planning Committee and looks forward to the improvements that will take place on campus.

E. ASC Foundation Update

Bruce Landis, Vice President of Institutional Advancement, presented an ASC Foundation update. He noted that the national economy is impacting the Foundation and the volatility in the stock market is resulting in very low earnings. There has been many fundraising activities, including a very well attended athletic event that was held in the Denver area, the annual phone-a-thon along with the direct mailing component.

Of great concern to the Foundation is the income projections provided by investment council that the current budget was based upon is not coming to fruition as a result of the weak economy and lack of income from investments. To address expenses, staff has been reduced and line-item expenses have been drastically reduced. Both income and expense will be monitored on a daily basis.

The Board requested documentation of income, expenses and projected shortfalls.

F. Application for funding from USDA Rural Development for proposal to equip the Plachy Hall Human Performance Research Laboratory

The Application for funding from USDA Rural Development for proposal to equip the Plachy Hall Human Performance Research Laboratory was not discussed.

IV. Executive Session

Chairman Walters called for a motion to convene an executive session pursuant to §24-6-402(3)(b), C.R.S. for the purpose of discussing certain employment matters personal to particular employees and/or pursuant to §24-6-402(3)(a)(II) C.R.S. to meet with the Board’s attorney to discuss pending court action and to receive legal advice on specific legal questions. Trustee Rice moved the motion. Trustee Darricades seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Vice President Mansheim was invited to attend the proceedings.

Open Session Reconvenes
VII. Discussion and Possible Action

There was no discussion or action taken.

VIII. Adjournment

Chairman Walters called for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Montoya moved the motion. Trustee Valdez seconded. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 4:38 p.m.