

A special meeting of the Central Wyoming College Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, September 1, 2005, in Room AW 124 of the Administration Wing on the Central Wyoming College campus. Board Chair Deanna Crofts called the meeting to order at 5:17 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

<u>Present:</u>	Deanna Crofts	Dallas Myers
	Jim Matson	Joe Megeath
	Dennis Christensen	
<u>Absent:</u>	Scott Phister	Caroline Mills
<u>Administration:</u>	Jo Anne McFarland	Jay Nielson
	J.D. Rottweiler	Mohammed Waheed
<u>Attorney:</u>	Frank Watkins	
<u>Recorder:</u>	Linda Bender	
<u>Guests:</u>	Carolyn Aanestad	

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: Board Chair Crofts indicated that this special meeting had been appropriately advertised according to board policy and state statute. The purpose of the special meeting is to consider real estate and capital facilities.

A roll call conducted by the board clerk indicated that Board Chair Crofts, Mr. Matson, Mr. Myers, and Dr. Megeath were present and that Mr. Christensen, Mr. Phister, and Ms. Mills were absent. Board Chair Crofts announced that a quorum of the board was present. Business at this special meeting is limited to the topics stated in the special meeting agenda. The board anticipated recessing into executive session, after which formal board action was expected to be taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 5:18 p.m., Mr. Matson moved to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussion of acquisition of real estate. Mr. Myers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

At 7:42 p.m., Mr. Myers moved to reconvene the special meeting. Mr. Matson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

It was noted that Trustee Christensen joined the board during the executive session.

SPECIAL BUSINESS:

Real Estate and  
Capital Facilities

Dr. McFarland recommended that the board authorize her as a college representative to continue negotiations regarding the acquisition of real estate for the college.

Dr. Megeath moved to authorize President McFarland to continue negotiations regarding the acquisition of real estate for the college. Mr. Christensen seconded the motion. Motion carried with Mr. Myers abstaining from the vote.

Dr. McFarland stated that at its meeting of August 26, the Wyoming Community College Commission took action to adopt policies on first reading that would allow colleges to seek state funding for capital construction. The equivalent dollar amount of up to 50 percent of the total cost of the construction project must be generated directly or indirectly by the requesting college from non-state revenue sources. The remainder will be matched by the state of Wyoming. This is a formalized way to take new capital construction projects or remodeling projects not covered by major maintenance or contingency reserve funds to the State Facilities Commission and eventually the state legislature. It will allow the college to bring forward projects for inclusion in the WCCC 07-08 biennial budget request.

CWC has a project called the Intertribal Education and Community Center that has long been in the works. The discussion of this center was first brought up by Arapahoe tribal members at the October 2000 CWC board meeting. At that time, tribal officials asked for more accessible education and delivery for Native American students. This initiated a discussion that resulted in approaching the college board with the proposed Intertribal Education and Community Center, which the board approved in July 2001 and which the Wyoming Community College Commission (WCCC) approved in August 2001. The Wyoming State Legislature approved the project in January 2002. When the project was approved by all these groups, there was no request for funding.

Five of the seven community colleges plan to submit formalized requests for capital construction to be included in the upcoming biennial budget request. The colleges are required to turn in that paperwork tomorrow, and CWC is working to update the budget figures. Some aspects of the original budget are not considered part of the construction process, so they have been removed. At the August 26 WCCC meeting, Dr. McFarland

requested and received approval of the WCCC to include this project. It is contingent on the submission of a more detailed, formal proposal.

Dr. McFarland is seeking the board's authorization to submit the college's plans for the Intertribal Education and Community Center to the WCCC and to the Capital Facilities Commission. A hearing will take place in October, but the Capital Facilities Commission needs all of the detailed material by September 15. Within the next few days the WCCC will call a special meeting by teleconference. The purpose will be to finalize the capital facilities portion of the biennial budget request and to place the requests in priority order.

The college's request is very strong and has been endorsed by the joint tribal council, the individual tribal councils, every public and social service organization on the reservation, and every public school on the reservation. The project is also being considered for federal funding. The preliminary figure of \$5.1 million that went to the WCCC was a very general estimate which was intended to be a placeholder. The college would have to come up with one-half of this \$5.1 million, if the project is approved.

Dr. McFarland recommended that the board formally approve the submission of a request for the Intertribal Education and Community Center to the Wyoming Community College Commission for inclusion in its FY 07-08 biennial budget request to the State Capital Facilities Commission and the Wyoming State Legislature.

Mr. Christensen moved to approve the submission of a request for the Intertribal Education and Community Center to the Wyoming Community College Commission for inclusion in its FY 07-08 biennial budget request to the State Capital Facilities Commission and the Wyoming State Legislature. Dr. Megeath seconded the motion.

Dr. Megeath asked what the current estimate is for this project. Mr. Nielson replied that over the last couple of years the cost of the project has gone up, so the total cost including the endowment is now about \$6.1 million. Dr. McFarland indicated that all of the other colleges face the same situation and are trying to not estimate their projects too low.

Dr. McFarland stated that the college is not tied to the original location that was planned for the building which was between the Pro Tech Center and Student Center, just south of the CWC tennis courts. Several other

building sites are possible which are highly visible from the highway and College View and which will ensure easy access. It will be a unique, attractive, and functional addition to the college. It is a shame that this college does not already have a building that represents a very important part of the region's cultural heritage and history as well as 20 percent of the college's student body. Informal assurance has been received that if the college moves forward with this project, CWC will not lose its place in line for future larger projects that may result from the facilities planning process.

Dr. Megeath asked if there is a high level of confidence in raising \$2.5 million for the college's share plus an endowment to maintain the building. Dr. McFarland indicated that there is a very high level of confidence that this money will be raised. Various federal sources of funding are being sought as well as private funding.

Mr. Nielson noted that there are two concerns. One is that the hurricane may do crazy things to the cost of construction, and the other is that the data the building commission uses is often a year old. Getting an appropriate amount of money from the legislature to construct the WPTV addition was quite a challenge.

Mr. Myers thought the project should be aggressively pursued. Mr. Matson asked if furnishings have been included in the cost of the project. Mr. Nielson indicated that furnishings are included.

Board Chair Crofts called for a vote on the motion currently on the floor. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:04 p.m., Mr. Matson moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Myers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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Secretary

APPROVAL:

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Chair