



Western Colorado University Board of Trustees (BOT)
Ad Hoc Committee on Efficiencies, Bylaws, and Policy
(Policy Committee)
Minutes

DATE: Thursday, November 17th

TIME: 1:00-2:30pm

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Szczurek at 1:02pm.

II. Attendance

Members present: Chair Szczurek, Trustee Gutierrez, Trustee Vasquez

Additional attendees: Natalie Powell (AG Office), Carrie Shaw (Director of Financial Aid), Caitlin Rovner (EA),

Total attendance: 6

During attendance, Chair Szczurek noted that Board Chair Pribyl and President Baca would be welcome to attend this committee's meetings as ex-officio members. Other Committee members were in agreement with this.

III. Additions to Agenda, if any, and Approval of the Agenda

No additions were noted. Trustee Gutierrez motioned to approve the agenda, and Carrie Shaw seconded. Without objection, the motion to approve agenda passed.

IV. Approve minutes from 9/28/2022 meeting

Trustee Gutierrez motioned to approve the minutes, and Trustee Vasquez seconded. Without objection, the motion to approve the minutes passed.

V. Possible Policy on Board Member censure and discussion

Chair Szczurek shared information with the committee about CU Regents' Policy, and their decision to move to add a resolution regarding censure ship of a particular CU Regent. Discussion followed. The WCU Policy committee does not recommend pursuing a Trustee Censure ship policy. The committee is exploring with counsel if the Governor, who appoints Trustees, has the ability to remove a Trustee. The committee recommended adding a copy of the oath taken by new Trustees to the Trustee Policy Manual (TPM) as an appendix, as it is referenced in the TPM at Section 1.3. The committee will also explore under counsel adding a statement to the TPM at Section 1.1 to the effect that [a] Trustee is a member of the WCU community and will uphold, embody, and live true to all WCU values and policies.

VI. Other Business -- Other Policy Committee Suggestions and Discussion.

The TPM is also to be linked in the BOT Orientation Manual which is shared with new Trustees and the Values stated in such Manual should be presented as WCU Values, not only the Board values, as per Section 1.1 of the TPM.

Editorial changes were recommended at 1.9, replacing 'Mid-Managers Council' with new name of 'Administrative Leadership Council.' Chair Szczurek also recommended changing 'Board' values to 'WCU' values in alignment with Section 1.1 of the TPM. A typo will be fixed in 1.12.

The Committee members were given an oral summary of Chair Szczurek's Policy Committee report that will be given at the December 8th Board of Trustees Meeting.

The next Committee meeting will be set for January 2023.

VII. Thanks and Adjournment

Chair Szczurek adjourned the meeting with thanks at 2:29pm.