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COLORADO UNIVERSITY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Western Colorado University Board of Trustees (BOT)

Ad Hoc Committee on Efficiencies, Bylaws, and Policy (Policy Committee)

Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2023

2 – 3:30pm MTN

I. Call to Order

Chair Szczurek called the meeting to order at 2:01pm.

II. Attendance

Members present: Chair Szczurek, Trustee Gutierrez, Trustee Vasquez, Dr. Lance Dalleck

Additional attendees: Natalie Powell (AG Office), Caitlin Rovner (EA)

Total attendance: 6

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

The agenda was approved by acclamation.

IV. Approve Minutes from 4/21/2023 Policy meeting

Trustee Gutierrez moved to approve the Minutes as presented. Dr. Dalleck seconded. The motion passed.

V. Continued Discussion of Topics from Last Meeting

Committees

A discussion on standing committees as part of the Board structure was held. Trustee Gutierrez motioned to recommend to the Board that it does not hold standing committees. Trustee Vasquez seconded this motion. A vote was held, with Trustees Gutierrez and Vasquez, and Dr. Dalleck in favor.

Board Evaluation and Trustee Skills

The potential inclusion of Board evaluation, and an overview of Trustees' skillsets into the TPM was discussed. No motion to include these in the TPM was put forward, and no recommendation for change to the TPM on these topics will be made.

Board Member Indemnification & Directors' and Officers' Insurance

It was determined that further research into indemnification and Directors' and Officers' insurance should be carried out. Additionally, other Western benefits, such as Retirement accounts, should be made clear to Trustees. Natalie Powell, as Counsel, will look into statutes regarding indemnification, and come back with recommended language for inclusion into the TPM.

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

The WCU Policy Committee established its 2023 workplan in January 2023. The incomplete items are presented below, with current status information.

1) Review / update Section 2 of the TPM and ensure it is consistent with DEI statements (and make sure those DEI statements on the website are updated)

VP Parker is working on this, as reported in the May BOT meeting.

2) Consider intellectual property policies and other items in Section 5 in line with faculty recommendations.

Professor Pat! McGee stated in the May 2023 BOT meeting that the faculty is working on this and other items including grievances, etc. This Committee is to wait for conclusion of the faculty work, and then determine what work may need to be done.

3) Consider additional updates from Academic Affairs to Section 3.0 and others.

Ongoing.

4) Consider / review changes suggested by faculty to the *Handbook for Professional Personnel*.

Ongoing

5) Consider changes to TPM relevant to Title IX, once federal changes are approved.

Pending Federal government direction.

6) Other matters assigned to the committee from the Chair and recommendations from the Policy Committee members

VII. Set Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 7th at 1-2pm via zoom.

VIII. Thanks and Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned with thanks by Chair Szczurek at 3:21pm.