

**THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE  
COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM  
BOARD MEETING  
CSU-Pueblo, Occhiato Student Center  
February 5, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Tuor called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

**ROLL**

**Governors present:** Nancy Tuor, Chair; Jane Robbe Rhodes, Vice Chair; Kim Jordan, Treasurer; Dean Singleton, Secretary; Russell DeSalvo; Steven Gabel (via phone); Armando Valdez; Kacie Adair, Student Representative, CSU-Pueblo; Ben Amundson, Student Representative, CSU; Harriet Austin, Faculty Representative, CSU-Global Campus; Stephanie Clemmons, CSU Faculty Representative; Matthew Cranswick, Faculty Representative, CSU-Pueblo; Nicole Hulet, CSU-Global Student Representative

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**CSU System Staff present:** Melanie Geary, Executive Assistant; Adam Fedrid, IT Manager; Tiana Nelson, Director of External Relations; Cara Neth, Director of Executive Communications; Allen Sneesby, IT Technician; Jocelyn Hittle, Senior Director, Sustainability and Denver Programs

**Staff and Guests present:** Mohamed Abdelrahman, Provost, CSU-Pueblo; Johnna Doyle, Deputy General Counsel, CSU-Pueblo; Donna Souder Hodge, Executive Director of Organizational Development, CSU-Pueblo; Christin Holliday, Vice President, Enrollment Management and Student Affairs, CSU-Pueblo; Mike Hooker, Director, Public Relations, CSU; Greg Hoye, Executive Director for Marketing and Community Relations, CSU-Pueblo; Niki Toussaint, Chief of Staff, CSU-Pueblo; Alejandro Rojas-Sosa; VP Administration and Finance, CSU-Pueblo; Rick Gonzales, Presidential Spouse; Meg Brewer, Budget Manager; Dr. Abhay Shah, Associate Dean of the Hasan School of Business; Dr. Bruce Raymond, Dean of the Hasan School of Business; Dr. Roberto Mejias, Associate Professor, Hasan School of Business; Michelle Gjerde, Director, Career Center; Dr. Jonathan Poritz, Director, Center for Teaching and Learning; Juanita Pena, Controller; Dr. Derek Lopez, Director of HSI Initiatives; Keelan Bailey, Creative Director; Haley Sue Robinson, Director of Communications/PIO

Chair Tuor convened the retreat and Chancellor Frank laid out the agenda and goals for the mini-retreat. Chair Tuor introduced nominees Easley and Baca, who have not yet been confirmed by the Senate but are participating in the retreat and Board meeting as nominees.

**FINANCE 101 – CFO Sobanet**

Henry Sobanet, CSU System CFO, described his “Finance 101” presentation his goal to orient people on the basics of our expenses and revenues at each of the three campuses. Mr. Sobanet’s presentation sets the stage for the Board’s discussion of the incremental budgets at tomorrow’s meeting. He discussed the historical context of ARRA (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009) stimulus funding in the

aftermath of the great recession and explained how the State of Colorado used unrestricted ARRA funding to prop up higher education. At the depth of the great recession, half of the funding for Colorado higher education was paid for with ARRA dollars. He noted that it has only been the last two years that total spending power is ahead of where it was before the great recession. Mr. Sobanet noted that in 2016, SEP (Special Educational Program) funds were separated out as a revenue source, in addition to General Fund dollars and explained that SEP is a form of fee-for service funding. The discussion continued, noting it is a complicated funding picture and when the State of Colorado faces revenue cuts, optional portions of the budget – including higher education – feel the hit, and this is why much of the burden for paying for higher ed has shifted from the state to students and families. The CSU System has done well in terms of enrollment growth, which is not the case for every institution in the state.

CSU-Fort Collins Finance 101 comments:

- Noted that 10% of CSU-FC revenue is state support; the campus also receives robust private funding and research support.
- 31% student share (tuition and fees) is above and beyond COF (which is included in the 10%)
- About \$140M total from state to FC, and about \$45M of that is COF
- Discussed expense needs of a residential campus – involving a whole range of support services, which includes auxiliary services (housing, student center, student rec center, health services, some Athletics, etc.)
- Chancellor Frank noted we have a need to understand increase in institutional support since 2014; some may be impacted by changes in GASB pension accounting.
- Discussed where expenses for Veterans’ Services, First Generation, and similar programs are accounted for under expenses (depends on where funds are allocated).

CSU-Pueblo Finance 101 comments:

- President Mottet noted that it would be useful to have more detailed comparisons of how some of CSU-P’s data compares to other regional comprehensive institutions.

CSU-Global Campus Finance 101 comments:

- President Takeda-Tinker said most questions they receive are about revenue, which is really just one bucket. The simplicity of the CSU-Global Campus budget surprises people. The institution does not seek fundraising, because students/alumni tend to engage differently.

There was also a discussion of the breakdown between restricted funds compared to general funds.

### **CAMPUS OUTCOMES AND ENROLLMENT – Chancellor Frank**

Chancellor Frank lead the discussion about campus outcomes and enrollment goals for the System. He discussed the 10-year outcomes overview in relation to enrollment, graduation, debt, and return on investment for all three campuses. He provided context and explained declines in state and community college enrollment in the state and nationwide, and how this has spurred investment in Vision 2028 at CSU-Pueblo. Dr. Easley mentioned that he would like to continue to discuss opportunities for growth at CSU-Pueblo. The Board discussed how the System tracks students who transfer and graduate within the System. The Board also discussed issues around the national narrative on student debt. And there was desire for the Board to understand the ROI for the state, as well as for the individual. Student debt data for the System and its institutions is favorable, with our students having comparatively low student debt, especially when compared to students who take on significant debt pursuing a graduate degree at private institutions. Minimizing student debt for System institutions is a key focus and priority.

The meeting then recessed for a break at 2:36 p.m. and reconvened at 2:51 p.m.

## **SPUR CAMPUS AND NATIONAL WESTERN CENTER PROGRAMING DISCUSSION**

EVC Parsons provided an update on the Spur campus and discussed the current and next phases of the project. EVC Parsons described buildings as a platform to provide programming and services that are responsive to need, and she explained the desire for the Board to discuss what success means five (5) years after the Spur campus opens. EVC Parsons asked the Board and the institutions to consider: (a) what do we want to brag about?; (b) what impact do presidents want to see on their campuses?; and (c) what do success and failure look like? These responses will help guide our hiring and expectations, as well as what metrics are tracked. The Board reviewed the geographic context of the campus in North Denver. System staff members Jocelyn Hittle and Tiana Nelson discussed the three different facilities at the Spur campus, as well as building programming and community partnerships.

The Board engaged in interactive discussions about the Spur project in order to develop priorities and expectations with respect to food and agriculture, water, and animal and human health. Following those interactive discussions, the Board engaged in a wrap-up discussion. The following items were described with respect to priorities, expectations, and possible metrics for the Spur project.

### Food and Agriculture:

- Want students to see agriculture as part of their future
- School districts – we want more students (than the Daniels Fund) walking through our doors
- Outreach – tracking community engagement numbers and focusing on improving community health
- Want to turn farmers into rock stars
- Want to track students coming into CSU campuses to find out who learned about us from Spur
- Track the number of visitors/feet on the ground
- Track research expenditures spent on the site
- Track how many are signing up for emails and going on our websites
- Want to be 1 of Top 10 places to see in Downtown Denver

### Water:

- Want interactive engaging place that's "the" place to go as a K-12 kid
- "A Spur water innovation has been adopted globally"
- "The third place: Home, Work, and the Spur Water Building"
- Metrics: number of kids served and from where
- Number of folks who are impacted at Spur in some way and move into a CSU program in some way
- Numbers and dollars = reasonable ROI calculation
- Water connections to food
- Create a Spur app and track movements/interactions
- How do we track the number of people from an urban audience who are exposed to rural issues
- Top of Mind Awareness

### Animal and Human Health

- Connections – how we connect the colleges and our campus in an interdisciplinary way

- Inspiring learning and critical thinking – science is important and there is research behind what we know
- Human and animal health/human and animal healing – what happens in this building can inspire people
- Rural-urban connection – bring different groups together
- Using the Spur campus overall to welcome people, as well as going out to where they are
- Metrics: local community engagement, hosting of big national events, a place with prestige – hip – a spotlight; getting students to a CSU program
- Headlines: “This can create a better world – better solutions and outcomes”; “Solution/treatment for – found at Spur”; “Best urban animal health clinic in the world”

Other metrics:

- Track new businesses and innovations generated on this campus
- Find ways to capture and track research expenditures deployed at Spur
- Linking physical site to virtual site – exhibits, enrollment, events, to track and engage them on an ongoing basis
- Field trip destination for area schools – have a video that introduces university-going culture and higher ed; talk about Spur and higher ed
- Career advising connections – when they come to Spur, how do we help guide them in ways that are personalized
- Concierge robots

Following this discussion, the meeting adjourned for the day at 4:24 p.m.

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Tuor called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

**ROLL**

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**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chair Tuor confirmed no one had signed in to address the Board and no public comment was given.

## **BOARD CHAIR'S AGENDA**

Chair Tuor presented the Excellence in Teaching Award to Robert Mejias, CSU-Pueblo. In her presentation, she noted the Board believes that "Excellence in teaching involves creating a process of inquiry that stimulates the curiosity of students and that helps them develop and probe ideas. The teaching function increases motivation, challenges students, and channels inquiry." Robert Mejias is a shining example of this commitment to excellence and the mission of the institution and the System. Robert Mejias thanked the Board for the recognition.

## **AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Committee Chair Jordan convened the committee meeting and asked to begin with the Finance portion.

### **Finance**

FY2021 State Budget Update: Chief Financial Officer, Henry Sobanet, provided updates on the state budget process, noting it was very fluid at that point in time. The initial budget request contained and overall increase of 2.5 percent and contained a change in the funding formula. CFO Sobanet noted that a major theme from the executive branch was keeping higher education affordable, which was a factor of the funding formula adjustments. One item currently under discussion was the potential for a three percent state classified salary increase and the need for additional resources to accommodate the increased associated costs, along with the desire to keep tuition increases at three percent or lower. He briefly reported on the status of capital project funding noting that Phase Three for the Shepardson building funding had remained "above the line" of those projects that are expected to be funded.

FY2021 Incremental Budget Update: CFO Sobanet noted that when there is clarity around the state's funding direction, the campuses would update their incremental budget plans accordingly.

FY 2020 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Financial Statements: Deputy CFO, Lynn Johnson, provided an overview of how the six schedules are prepared using GAAP (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles). She reviewed some highlights and noted there weren't any significant variances but noted that CSU had an immaterial variance related to athletics of \$574,000. She also noted that CSU-Pueblo had a positive variance of \$465,000 for student tuition and fees thanks to a higher level of retention relative to the past few years. Ms. Johnson turned it over to President Takeda-Tinker to review CSU-Global's statement. She noted that CSU-Global had reduced expenses to adjust for a slight decline in tuition revenue, which meant they were able to remain on track for their net operating income margin.

Treasury Update: Henry Sobanet explained that in 2018, the CSU System established its own independent Treasury with its own investment objectives. He introduced Margaret Henry, CSU System Treasurer, who went on to provide some highlights of the performance of those investments. She noted some of the variances related to timing and then highlighted the higher rate of returns the CSU System had realized compared to the return those dollars would have earned had they remained invested with the state. She then discussed how the investment advisory committee was exploring ways to continue to add value to the operating portfolio.

For an overview of Interest Rate Swaps, Treasurer Henry introduced Stephanie Chichester and Nick Taylor from North Slope Capital. They explained how the contemplated Board action was a refinancing opportunity related to lower interest rates for \$108 million in the Series 2015A Stadium Bonds. The Board action on the 19<sup>th</sup> Supplemental was a two-step process that would first authorize the issuance of variable rate bonds in 2025, and then allow the System the ability to enter into a swap contract. Before the meeting, each member of the Board received personal training and education about interest rate swaps. The Board discussed the call option, which mitigated risk should interest rates fall further but did

cost approximately a third of the \$40 million in cash flow savings expected. Chair Jordan asked for a motion to approve the Action on Interest Rate Exchange Agreement regarding Variable Rate System Enterprise Revenue Bonds.

**Motion/Action:** Governor Gabel moved for the Approval of Interest Rate Exchange Agreement regarding Variable Rate System Enterprise Revenue Bonds Withdrawal from the Board Reserves in Accordance with Board Policy 205. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. This action item is included in the Board materials.

### **Audit**

System Auditor, Susy Serrano, presented an update on the status of the FY2020 Audit Plan. She then reviewed the following recent audit reports: Transition audit for College of Health and Human Sciences, CSUFC; Transition audit for International Programs, CSUFC; Limited Review of Fee Controls in Teacher Education Program, CSUP. System Auditor Serrano highlighted the use of the continuous data analytics tool they have implemented and will be using going forward, noting how that data can help them identify risk. For the Status of Past Due Audit Recommendations, System Auditor Serrano reviewed the overdue recommendations.

FY 2019 Audit Results – the accounting firm of CliftonLarsonAllen, through Paul Niedermuller, provided the System’s FY19 audit results. He noted that his firm works directly with the CSU System Board of Governors through the firm’s contract with the Office of the State Auditor. The audit process started in March 2019, and it was presented to Office of State Auditor through the Legislative Audit committee in December 2019. Through this process, the auditors were engaged to review the following: financial statements for the CSU System and its institutions; two NCAA agreed upon procedures for CSU and CSU-Pueblo; two federal programs – Research and Development and Basic Applied Scientific Research. Mr. Niedermuller noted there were no findings and there were some written comments of best practices moving forward. CSU Controller and Executive Director of Business and Financial Services Dave Ryan was recognized for his leadership in the audit process.

The meeting then recessed at 10:46 a.m. for a break and reconvened at 10:55 a.m. in starting with Executive Session of the Evaluation Committee.

### **EVALUATION COMMITTEE**

Chair Tuor asked Vice Chair Robbe Rhodes to convene the Evaluation Committee. General Counsel Johnson asked for a motion to convene in executive session.

**Motion/Action:** Governor Gabel made a motion for the Board to go into executive session of the Evaluation Committee. Governor Valdez seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. General Counsel Johnson read the Evaluation Committee into executive session in accordance with Colorado law for the purposes of discussing and evaluating professional staff, and to receive legal advice, all confidential under C.R.S. § 24-6-402(3)(a)(II) & (b)(I), and as set forth in the meeting notice.

The meeting convened in executive session at 10:56 a.m. and came out of executive session at 11:40 a.m. The meeting then reconvened in regular session at 11:40 a.m.

### **CSU-GLOBAL CAMPUS**

**Student Report:** Governor Hulet began her report praising the significant improvements that have been made to the CSU-Pueblo campus in recent years. She then discussed the Future of Work series CSU-Global has developed and how she was interviewed along with her father on the topic of accounting.

**Faculty Report:** Governor Austin referred to her written report and highlighted recent faculty achievements and publications: partnership with SAS (Statistical Analytic Software) to create three new certificate programs; faculty development programs; and the first 2020 faculty meeting, which covered the upcoming HLC reaffirmation visit. She also noted that the upgrade to APA edition 7 will be a big development for the campus and require new training for students and faculty.

**President's Report:** President Takeda-Tinker noted that CSU-Global has been approved as a preferred partner by the federal government and was recognized on the Senate floor by Sen. Holbert for what the campus is doing for Colorado. She then noted that Dr. Karen Ferguson had arranged for the first experiential learning opportunity to UK for students and will present on it at an upcoming Board meeting.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:00 p.m.

Over the lunch break the Board received a presentation about the CSU-Pueblo Faculty Mentor Program - CBASE (Communities to Build Active STEM Engagement).

The regular meeting reconvened at 1:06 p.m.

## **COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY REPORTS**

**Student Report:** Governor Amundson highlighted from his written report that the Student Veterans Organization won chapter of the year for serving student veterans. He then discussed the development of an internship stipend fund for students who can't afford an unpaid internship but would benefit from the experiential experience of a professional experience. They are hoping to kick-off that fund with approximately \$40,000 with matching funds from the city and county. He also discussed *Rams on the Ice* which they hoped would become a tradition for students in the future.

**Faculty Report:** Governor Clemons highlighted from her written report the Race Bias and Equity Initiative and the many proposals being reviewed. She then discussed the non-tenure track faculty promotion initiative and helping non-tenure track faculty develop professionally. She then highlighted the College highlights from her report. She noted her next report would include an update on the student success initiative.

**President's Report:** President Joyce McConnell began discussing a promotional effort of postcards being sent to other universities and researchers to promote CSU research. She noted that CSU received the STARS platinum award for the third time in a row and topped Stanford for No. 1. She highlighted that CSU had the lead article at the time in *The Conversation* for work with connections to coronavirus. She also discussed the efforts of Senators Bennet and Gardner and Congressman Neguse for assistance with the evacuation of a faculty member's family from Wuhan. She discussed the hire of a new football coach and a new livestock coach and the three big searches underway: provost, external relations, and head of TMI (Translational Medicine Institute). President McConnell then discussed the creation of a new office to combine Title IX and Office of Equal Opportunity. she also noted that External Relations will be renamed University Communications. She further commented that Ashley Stokes, Associate Vice President for Engagement and Extension will be the official Fort Collins campus liaison with the Spur campus.

## **CSU-PUEBLO REPORTS**

**Student Report:** Governor Adair presented her update highlighting the student food pantry and Student Emergency Fund which provided \$1,350 in financial support to students last semester. She discussed student mechatronics work and community partnerships. She also noted that the President's Leadership



students attended the Colorado Leadership Alliance Summit in Denver, a statewide meeting of student from 11 campuses.

**Faculty Report:** Governor Cranswick highlighted how CBase and other US Department of Education grants were instrumental and need to continue to be part of the University's vision. He then shared recent faculty accomplishments. He noted that the January faculty meeting minutes were included in Board materials. He ended his report emphasizing that the small class sizes at CSU-Pueblo were an attraction for students.

**President's Report:** President Mottet highlighted from his report the efforts towards Vision 2028. He noted they have started or completed 50 percent of the action items for 2020. He commented that they had budgeted for a 9% melt rate from fall to spring semesters and to date, that rate was 5.7%, which meant their retention rate was improving over previous years. He then introduced Alejandro Rojas, the new VPFA at CSU-Pueblo. He then discussed comments and feedback from faculty on Vision 2028 plans and how those were addressed in spring convocation. Dr. Mottet noted that three goals have been changed: Expanding Our Appeal, Enhancing Student Success, and Developing Our People.

## **REAL ESTATE/FACILITIES COMMITTEE AND EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Committee Chair Gabel convened the committee meeting and asked General Counsel Johnson about going into executive session for the Real Estate/Facilities Committee, as well as the general executive session. General Counsel Johnson read a motion to go into executive session of the Real Estate/Facilities Committee and to also go into general executive session to receive the litigation report, all confidential as set forth in the meeting notice.

**Motion/Action:** the motion to go into executive session was moved and seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. General Counsel Johnson read the meeting into executive session under Colorado law for discussions pertaining to the purchase or sale of property, nominations for honorary degrees and naming of buildings, and for the purposes of receiving the litigation report and legal advice, all confidential under C.R.S. § 24-6-402(3)(a)(I), (II), (VII), & (VIII), and as set forth in the meeting notice.

The committee moved to go into executive session at 1:41 p.m., and reconvened in open session at 2:25 p.m.

Real Estate Chair Gabel asked for an action on the sale of the former location of the Fort Morgan office. Chair Tuor asked the Board to consider the parameters of the sale of the office building as set forth in the Board action on the Fort Morgan Office Sale.

**Motion/Action:** Governor Jordan moved for the Approval of the Sale of approximately one acre of land along with a 3,023 sf office/shop/warehouse building located at 801 E. Burlington Avenue in Fort Morgan. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. This action item is included in the Board materials.

The Board took a break at 2:28 p.m. and continued the meeting at 2:40 p.m.

## **ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

Chair Singleton introduced CSUS CAO Rick Miranda, who presented three degree program changes – CSU Pueblo Name Change: NSA-Designated Institution Certificate in Cyber Security Defense; CSU-Pueblo Program Name Change: World Languages; and the CSU-Pueblo New Certificate: Technology and Computer Instruction.

CAO Miranda then presented several CSU Faculty and Administrative Professional Manual Changes: Faculty Manual – Section E.12.2; and Faculty Manual – Sections J.2 and J.3. Chair Tuor asked if the Section J changes are consistent with roles and responsibilities of CSURF, which is the designated IP agent for the University, through the Chancellor. Chancellor Frank did not recommend any changes and provided some clarification noting the language is compatible. The Chancellor makes decisions about IP ownership and when it is assigned to CSURF, which makes licensing decisions.

CAO Miranda submitted sabbatical reports from faculty at CSU and reiterated the process. He noted the reports were for the 2018-19 Academic year noting there were 49 reports, which was typical for most years. He noted that the reports were impressive and highlighted the great work that faculty were involved in. He further commented that CSU-Pueblo had five sabbaticals in the report as well.

Provost Abdelrahman brought forward a discussion of the restructuring of Academic Affairs at CSU Pueblo. He noted that existing colleges vary widely in size and the groupings of majors did not seem optimal. The reorganization will realize some efficiencies and enhance collaboration among disciplines, along with alignment with Vision 2028. The changes would mean Engineering and part of the technology department would move into the College of Science and Mathematics, to create a College of STEM. Another Part of the technology department would move into the Hassan School of Business. CSU-Pueblo will also create a School of Education, School of Nursing, and School of Health Sciences and Human Movement, reducing the total number of administrators and aligning with faculty recommendations. These changes will go into effect July 1, 2020. Governor Cranswick recommended additional faculty involvement in decision making as a point to learn from in future such discussions.

## **CHANCELLOR'S REPORT**

Executive Vice Chancellor Parsons and Chancellor Frank provided updates on State and Federal efforts, including academic policy efforts the System is tracking. CFO Sobanet reemphasized the fluid nature of the state budget noting that staff would keep the Board apprised as it moves through the process. EVC Parsons noted that Founders Day at the Capitol is February 11, 2020, marking the 150th anniversary of CSU. She also noted that confirmation hearings for pending-Governors Baca and Easley would be February 20, 2020.

Strategic Mapping Update: EVC Parsons reviewed the CSU System Strategic Map.

Spur at National Western: EVC Parsons provided update on the CSU System presence at the National Western Stock Show noting that CSU Day was the highest attendance day for the entire show. She noted that there would be an April 30<sup>th</sup> groundbreaking for all three CSU buildings. Ms. Parsons then reviewed the overall timeline for the development and noted the land ownership for the CSU parcels would occur in 2020.

Todos Santos: Ms. Parsons highlighted the exploratory trip for CSU-Pueblo focused on programs with the goal to eventually develop a grant to allow more students to have a Todos Santos experience. Two Board of Governors members and six members of the CSU-Pueblo Foundation Board would be joining the trip.

Lastly Ms. Parsons noted two opportunities for Board member participation, the AGB (Association of Governing Boards) annual conference April 5-7 in Washington D.C. and the Colorado Capital Conference is June 10-12.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chair Tuor asked General Counsel Johnson about going into Executive Session. General Counsel Johnson read a motion for the meeting to go into executive session for matters pertaining to nominations for honorary degrees and naming of buildings, and for the purposes of receiving the litigation report and legal advice, all confidential under Colorado law and as set forth in the meeting notice.

**Motion/Action:** Governor Valdez made a motion to go into executive session, and that motion seconded and carried unanimously. General Counsel Johnson read the meeting into executive session under Colorado law for discussions pertaining to nominations for honorary degrees and naming of buildings, and for the purposes of receiving the litigation report and legal advice, all confidential under C.R.S. § 24-6-402(3)(a)(II), (VII) & (VIII), and as set forth in the meeting notice.

The Board convened in executive session at 3:35 p.m. and came out of executive session at 4:35 p.m.

## **OPEN SESSION**

In open session, the Board took three actions and those action items are in the Board materials.

**Motion/Action:** The Board moved for the Approval of the Acceptance of Gifts and the Naming in Recognition of Gifts relating to the CT suite within the College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences. The motion was seconded, and it carried unanimously. This action item is included in the Board materials.

**Motion/Action:** The Board moved for the Approval of the Acceptance of Gifts and the Naming in Recognition of Gifts relating to the Engineering and Computational Sciences Building within the Walter Scott, Jr. College of Engineering. The motion was seconded, and it carried unanimously. This action item is included in the Board materials.

**Motion/Action:** The Board moved for the Approval and Certification of the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded, and it carried unanimously. This action item, including the complete Consent Agenda, is included in the Board materials.

The Board meeting ended at 4:41 p.m.