

UNIVERSITY of
NORTHERN COLORADO



COMMISSION ON THE UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE

MINUTES

March 24, 2005

Present: David Caldwell, Cris de la Torre, Dick Dietz, Jeff Farmer, Cynthia Galovich, Greg Heald, Matt Lang, Kevin Laxalt, Marie Livingston, Vinnie Scalia, Mary Schuttler, Tom Trelogan, and Doug Woody

Absent: Marcus Embry, Dianna Gray and Jim Keaten

Cynthia Galovich called the meeting to order.

1. Approval of Minutes

Tom Trelogan/Marie Livingston/ moved to approve the minutes of the March 10 meeting.
Motion carried.

2. Mission Statement

Tom Trelogan's draft of the mission statement was handed out (see attached document).

A discussion was held and it was the consensus of the commission to remove the word "solid" from the first sentence and remove the words "at least some of the" from the second sentence.

Marie Livingston/Tom Trelogan moved to leave "will" in the third sentence. Motion carried.

Marie Livingston/Cris de la Torre moved to approve the mission statement with changes as a working document. Motion carried.

The mission of the university's general education program¹ is to give students a foundation in the liberal arts, enabling them to become responsible, well-educated citizens capable of contributing effectively to a rapidly changing, technologically advanced, global society. The program's curriculum is designed to introduce students to undergraduate studies, to foster their competencies in reading, writing, critical thinking, mathematics, and the use of technology, to improve their awareness of the multicultural character of contemporary society, and to give them a sense of connections among the various academic disciplines. Students who complete the program will be prepared to think for themselves, to marshal relevant information, to reason about complex issues, to reflect upon questions of principle, to express themselves effectively, to recognize the importance of the past, to appreciate cultures and values different from their own, to make choices with a sense of their ethical implications, to work towards a better future, and to function with skill and knowledge in an ever-changing world.

¹ Or whatever we wind up calling it.

The Commission then met with the Commission on Student Success.

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Submitted by

Sandy Pope
Recording Secretary