



**Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes  
December 7, 2018 - Conference Call**

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**Trustees Attending**

Scott Bushnell, Chair  
David Christensen  
Randy Cox  
Kerry Day  
Jared Devey  
Leslie Keisel, Vice Chair  
Erma Kaye May  
Rick Robinson  
Karen Soper

**Trustees Absent**

Michael McLean

**Others Attending**

None

**College Personnel Attending**

Gary Carlston, President  
Jake Dettinger, Finance VP  
Steve Hood, Academic VP  
Melanie Jenkins, Academic Assistant VP  
Marci Larsen, Board Secretary  
Craig Mathie, Student Success VP  
Rob Nielson, Athletic Director

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**Welcome**

Chair Bushnell called the meeting to order at 4:00 and thanked everyone for making time for the conference call.

**Update on Football**

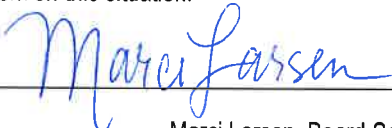
President Carlston said this discussion is about more than football; he said it's about a junior college atmosphere and experience. He reminded the trustees of the football situation, specifically the decision of the Maricopa County Community College District in Arizona to discontinue their football programs after this season. He added that Arizona Western and Arizona Eastern have since announced their discontinuance of football. He also informed the trustees that current head coach, Paul Peterson, recently announced his resignation during the weekend bowl game.

Because of the timing of these events, President Carlston said he had acted quickly and thoroughly to find a resolution. He said he met with faculty and staff leadership as well as student leaders to share recent happenings and inform them of all aspects of the situation. Rob Nielson, Athletic Director, reviewed the details of three options for finding a league (becoming independent, joining a Kansas league, or joining a Texas league) and President Carlston asked trustees to consider taking action on 1) keeping the football program and 2) appointing Andrew Mitchell as the head football coach.

Trustees commented on the benefits of having a football program and asked questions about scheduling and financial obligations. President Carlston shared his opinion that the college should continue the program with the understanding that there would be no new financial resources allocated nor would additional class time be missed. President Carlston said the college's goal is to make the program sustainable, yet he recognized the risks and challenges of not having a league in which to play.

After discussion, Chair Bushnell entertained a motion to support President Carlston's plan to continue football at Snow College, appoint the recommended head coach, and ask the athletic department to continue working on a solution for a football league. Trustee Robinson so moved. Trustee Soper seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Chair Bushnell asked President Carlston and Mr. Nielson to thank Coach Peterson for his service. He reiterated his opinion that this is a college decision that impacts opportunities for student athletes, those who support them, and the community. He thanked President Carlston and Mr. Nielson for their work on this situation.

  
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Marci Larsen, Board Secretary

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