

STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

February 11, 2008

11:00am

Community College of Aurora

I. CALL TO ORDER at 11:35 AM

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Roll Call

Members Present: Barbara McKellar-Chair, Bernadette Marquez-Vice Chair, Wanda Cousar, Patty Erjavec, Ledy Garcia-Eckstein, Jennifer Hopkins, Jerry Nickell, Tamra Ward, Michael Milhausen (SFAC), Marie Steinbach (SSAC)

Members Absent: John Trefny

II. GENERAL BUSINESS (5 min)

- A. Approval of Minutes
 - Regular Meeting of January 14, 2009
- B. Approval of Agenda

Tamra Ward moved to approve the minutes as presented. Ledy Garcia-Eckstein seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Barbara McKellar noted three changes to the AGENDA: 1) Les Lindauer is not present to address the board during public comments, 2) a motion to support SB 09-170 is added to the discussion and action items, and 3) a motion to support HB1272 is added to the discussion and action items.

Wanda Cousar moved to approve the agenda as amended. Bernadette Marquez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

III. REPORTS (25 min)

- A. Board Reports
 - Student Representative, Marie Steinbach

SSAC held a meeting on February 6th at PCC and discussed Rising Star Award Ceremony & Lunch. Speaker Romanoff, perhaps, will be speaking and the SBCCOE Board is cordially invited. SSAC will create a new officer position to liaison between SSAC, which represents community college student governments, and Associated Students of Colorado (ASC), which represents both 2-year and 4-year students. SSAC is working on an optional health insurance plan for students, which is currently in committee, and on updating their by-laws. There was much discussion about Amendment 50 and letters were distributed in an effort to get 100+ signatures in support. SSAC

representatives will be present at the capitol to demonstrate their support to the general assembly.

- Faculty Representative, Michael Milhausen

Mr. Milhausen reported that faculty has been participating in the P-20 Colorado Workforce readiness initiatives by identifying skills and competencies. In addition, faculty has also expressed their support of Amendment 50 legislation. In support of the Banner system, many faculty has been working with Julie Ouska to identify and solve issues in the system.

- System President, Nancy McCallin

Enrollment report – up 11.4% in Resident FTE and non-resident enrollment is up about 6% for overall FTE increase of close to 11%. These increases create challenges in these times of state funding cuts, but also means some help to colleges that are growing due to the additional tuition funds.

Responding to questions from last month's meeting, Dr. McCallin reported that there are close to 1500 international students across the system colleges. There is a large concentration at CCD and other colleges are also enrolling concentrations of international students as well. She also reported that 67% of community college courses nationally are being taught by adjunct faculty.

NJC was successful in receiving \$2mil for building new dormitory from a private donor who wishes to remain anonymous.

RRCC received an award from the Governor's Energy Office– the Governors Excellence in Energy award for the curriculum in renewable energy. Only six awards were given out and RRCC is the only higher education institution to receive one.

Stimulus package – Dr. McCallin was fortunate to be part of a meeting with the Colorado delegation representing every key leadership position from the Senate, House and Governor's office to discuss the package and how best to position Colorado. There were several versions carved out and changes are still taking place. Formulas and how the dollars will flow to Colorado are still not settled. Once received, there is still uncertainty about how much will flow to higher education and how much to K-12 and other areas. Ledy Garcia-Eckstein noted the increase in dollars for workforce training and hopes that community colleges will be a part of that.

Finally, Dr. McCallin noted an article on the role of community colleges in retraining.

B. Presidents' Reports

- Presidents wishing to address the Board

Linda Bowman, CCA – noted an article in Denver Post regarding the TSA training for pilots and flight attendants that CCA conducts as part of their homeland security work at Lowry.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS (5 min)

- A. Members of the public are invited to address the Board at this time regarding any issue not on the agenda. Remarks are limited by the Chair to 5 minutes.

There were no members of the public wishing to speak.

- B. Les Lindauer, EGOS

Mr. Lindauer was not present and this item was deleted from the agenda.

V. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (10 min)

- A. SB 09-170 regarding resident tuition rates for undocumented students.

Ledy Garcia-Eckstein made a motion to support SB 09-170 which was seconded by Bernadette Marquez.

During the discussion, several Board members spoke in support of the Senate Bill while others expressed reservations. Jerry Nickel suggested a 3 year statute of limitations rather than the 5 years being proposed. Patty Erjavec noted that there is a fiscal connotation with the bill and that if this passes other needed programs may experience cuts. There are many families and children not receiving adequate services now, and any ensuing cuts that may come to child and human services would compound that situation. Jenny Hopkins feels that the fiscal impact will be larger than the data that is available. She also noted that other states that have approved similar bills are already investing far more per student than Colorado does and are already providing much better services to higher education. Ledy Garcia-Eckstein noted that the state is spending more to pay for the students who are staying at the high school level to age 21 than the costs for this bill. Wanda Cousar noted the possibility of giving tax incentives to entrepreneurs who hire Colorado citizens. Oftentimes, our undocumented workers become our entrepreneurs and providing opportunities for them to access higher education will drive economic development. Bernadette Marquez said she has been working with high school students in DPS and feels that education past high school is so important. She believes that overall the bill will save the State in terms of other costs in services. This bill will level the playing field for all students across Colorado. Barbara McKellar is concerned by the fiscal note and believes it will be costly. She also believes that we shouldn't be circumventing federal law.

A roll call vote was conducted. Members voting in favor: Wanda Cousar, Ledy Garcia Eckstein, Bernadette Marquez, Tamra Ward. Members voting in opposition: Barbara McKellar, Jerry Nickell, Patty Erjavec, Jenny Hopkins.

As the vote was tied, the Board will neither support nor oppose the legislation. Dr. McCallin will request additional information regarding any possible changes in the language from Sen. Romer for further discussion.

B. HB 1272 regarding legislation to enact Amendment 50

Jerry Nickell moved to support HB 1272. Tamra Ward seconded the motion. There being no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS (5 min)

A. Advisory council members TSJC

- Ms. Frances Mae Vilanni for reappointment to a full term commencing February 1, 2009BP

B. 9-49: Monitoring of Federal and State Programs

C. Audited Financials for June 30, 2008 and 2007

Jenny Hopkins moved to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Tamra Ward seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. ADJOURNMENT at 12:10 PM.

Bernadette Marquez moved to adjourn and Jenny Hopkins seconded. The motion passed unanimously.