

STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION

Regular Session Minutes

November 11, 2009
12:00 noon

CCCS - Lowry

I. CALL TO ORDER 12:27pm

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Roll Call

Members Present: Bernadette Marquez – Chair, Tamra Ward – Vice Chair, Wanda Cousar, Maury Dobbie, Patty Erjavec, Barbara McKellar, Meg Porfido, Dr. John Trefny, Dr. Todd Bergren – State Faculty Advisory Council representative, Mandy Beatty – State Student Advisory Council representative

Members Absent: Ledy Garcia-Eckstein

II. GENERAL BUSINESS

- A. Approval of Minutes

Barbara McKellar made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Bernie Marquez seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

- B. Approval of Agenda

Tamra Ward made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Wanda Cousar seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

III. REPORTS

- A. Board Reports

- Student Representative, Mandy Beatty
 - The State Student Advisory Council (SSAC) Leadership Conference was held at the Community College of Denver, Oct. 23-24. Eighty students attended from across the state. The students had an opportunity to give back to the community through the Keeping Denver Beautiful service

project which consisted of removing graffiti and trash from several of Denver's streets. The highlight of the conference included speed networking session, a presentation by the Foundation for a Better America, and a presentation by Dr. McCallin.

- SSAC held elections on Oct. 23 during the conference and the new leadership is as follows:
 - Chair: Vanessa Ramirez, Front Range Community College
 - Vice Chair: Amanda Beatty, Front Range Community College - Larimer
 - Secretary: Josh Kampel, Red Rocks Community College
 - Legislative Liaison: Antonio Braveheart , Community College of Denver
- SSAC will be reviewing the following topics this year:
 - Review of bylaws
 - Student health care
 - Tuition rates
- Faculty Representative, Dr. Todd Bergren
 - The State Faculty Advisory Council reviewed Board Policy 3-60 and several other board policies. The major concern is the current budget situation.
 - In addition to increased enrollments, many of the community colleges are seeing larger class sizes, as well as diverse classroom demographics. The range includes many students who have never attended college before to students who would normally have gone to four-year institutions. Not only is this beneficial to the student but it also brings new exposure to community colleges and the services they offer.
 - Recent campus visits were very educational. The visits illustrated that more people need to physically visit each of the colleges to see the different innovations in place. Dr. Bergren and Dr. McCallin have been discussing more visits by faculty to the campuses.

- At a recent 2-4 meeting with biology faculty, community college faculty was treated with respect by faculty from the four-year institutions.
- Internal Audit Committee, Patty Erjavec - chair
 - The Audit Committee met October 26, 2009.
 - An overview of Audit Committee purpose was presented.
 - The committee discussed Board Policies 2-10 and 7-01 which both relate to the structure and purpose of the committee.
 - The committee reviewed the status of prior year audit plans and accomplishments.
 - The Internal Audit Department has taken over the Career and Technical Education monitoring function.
 - The Internal Audit Department has had turn over in staff and had three positions available. Two of the positions have been filled and one part-time position has been filled.
 - With the absence of staff, many projects from 2009 have been carried over to the 2010 Audit Plan. The committee has approved flexibility in the plan due to recent changes in staffing.

Bernie Marquez stated that Patty Erjavec will be leaving the board in December 2009 due to term limits and Dr. John Trefny will be the new chair of the Audit Committee.

- System President, Dr. Nancy McCallin
 - Dr. McCallin recently sent out budget updates. State revenues continue to decrease. There has been an additional \$145 million cut bringing the total cut to higher education to \$376 million. This cut is being offset by federal stimulus dollars without regard to enrollment increases.
 - Next year there will be another \$56 million cut and the CCCS share is \$10.7 million which equates to a 7.4% cut.
 - One of the ways the Governor was able to balance this cut to higher education was by reducing K-12 funding. However, if K-12 funding cuts are too great higher education will end up having to share its federal stimulus dollars with K-12.

- Discussions have begun with the Presidents regarding the 2011/12 budget. CCCS thought it would keep the same budget from 2010/11. However, the planning now must take into account the additional 7.4% cut.
- The Governor's budget contains a one-time temporary change to PERA contribution levels from employees and the state. Under the proposal, all employees participating in PERA (which includes all employees of the community college system) will experience an increase of 2.5% in their mandatory contribution to PERA. The state employers, including CCCS, will have a corresponding 2.5% reduction to their contribution rates. CCCS may keep the 2.5% it would otherwise have contributed to PERA to backfill some of the budget cuts for 2010-11.
- FTE Report (hand-carry)
 - Enrollment is up 19.2%.
 - Strongest growth is at Community College of Denver, Pueblo Community College, Front Range Community College, and Red Rocks Community College.
 - CCCOnline enrollment is up 33%.
- A report was handed out describing the relationship between community colleges and the Colorado economy and community college enrollment (hand-carry)
 - This item is for the board to review.
- Relationships policy (hand-carry)
 - System Policy 3-70a – This policy will cover Consensual/Amorous Relationships between supervisors/supervisees, employers/employees, instructors/students. This was briefly covered under the sexual harassment policy, however it was not explicit.
- Workforce Summit has been postponed and is no longer scheduled for November 16, 2009.
- Thank you to the colleges that hosted campus visits.

B. Presidents' Reports

- Colorado Northwestern Community College – Dr. John Boyd

- CNCC's aviation program qualified for the national competition. CNCC received funds from an outside source to cover the cost of the trip and there will be no cost to CNCC's general fund.
- The ribbon cutting for the Craig Campus energy audit improvements is scheduled for November 12, 2009. The Craig campus will be engineered with a geo thermal heating and cooling system.
- CNCC received a U.S. Department of Energy Grant of \$50,000 towards its gift campaign. CNCC expects to surpass its goal of \$8.3 million.
- Community College of Denver – Dr. Karen Bleeker
 - CCD recently hosted the Grand Opening of the Confucius Institute by holding the following events:
 - Guizhou Dance Troupe Performance
 - Chinese Culture Exploratorium Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. None

V. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

A. None

VI. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

A. Advisory council members MCC and TSJC

- Ms. Nancy Schmid for appointment to a full term commencing September 1, 2009. (MCC)
- Chief John Jackson for appointment to a full term commencing December 1, 2009. (TSJC)

B. Legislative Agenda

C. Updated Bylaws for Succession Planning

D. Dental Hygiene Program Credit Approval

E. Modification to BP 3-60

F. NJC Student Housing Program Plan

G. FRCC–Larimer Campus: New Science Building Name

Patty Erjavec made a motion to approve the items as presented. Dr. John Trefny seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Meg Porfido made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:00 pm to go into Executive Session Pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes section 24-6-402 (3)(a)(II) that the Board hold an executive session to confer with the Board's attorney concerning personnel and legal matters. Tamra Ward seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes section 24-6-402 (3)(a)(II) the Board held an executive session to confer with the Board's attorney concerning legal matters.

VIII. RECONVENE – 2:00 PM

The board reconvened the Regular Session at the end of the Executive Session.

Patty Erjavec made a motion to approve Northeastern Junior College's (NJC) receipt of a gift of funds from the Walsh family to purchase the Pawnee Pines Golf Club, with a stipulation on the gift that the golf course must be open to the public for three years, after which time the donor will allow NJC to sell the golf club and keep the proceeds. Dr. John Trefny seconded the motion and the motion passed with one nay by Tamra Ward and one member absent – Ledy Garcia-Eckstein.

The donor is also giving \$300,000 to NJC for start up costs of new academic programs.

IX. RECONVENE EXECUTIVE SESSION – 2:10

Pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes section 24-6-402 (3)(b)(I) the Board held an executive session to discuss personnel matters.

X. RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION – 2:40

The board reconvened the Regular Session at the end of the Executive Session.

XI. ADJOURNMENT – 2:45