

STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION

Regular Session Minutes

September 9, 2009
11:00 am

CCCS - Lowry

I. CALL TO ORDER 11:05am

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Roll Call

Members Present: Bernadette Marquez-Chair, Patty Erjavec, Ledy Garcia-Eckstein, Maury Dobbie, Barbara McKellar, Meg Porfido, John Trefny, Todd Bergren (SFAC Representative)

Members Absent: Tamra Ward, Wanda Cousar

II. GENERAL BUSINESS

- A. Approval of Minutes
 - Regular Meeting of June 10, 2009
 - Board Retreat of June 24-25, 2009
 - Special Session of August 11, 2009

Patty Erjavec made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Meg Porfido seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

- B. Approval of Agenda

Maury Dobbie made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Ledy Garcia-Eckstein seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

III. REPORTS

A. Board Reports

- Student Representative, Election Pending
- Faculty Representative, Dr. Todd Bergren
 - With the current economic downturn, enrollment has spiked while state funding remains flat. The colleges are responding to the enrollment quite well despite budget cuts.

- Many of the colleges have allowed open enrollment which opens the doors for those who need training to keep their current jobs or prepare for future jobs.
- Many of the colleges have applied for grants to help bring in funding for the increased enrollment.

Maury Dobbie asked if there is anything the board can do to show appreciation and that we are trying to make a difference? Todd Bergren responded by saying that we need to try to recognize faculty more. CCCS is trying to open up to the press to show what a great resource it is and that it is a part of the solution to this economic downturn.

There was discussion initiated by John Trefny on how the press has not made an effort to focus on the cuts that have been made to the CCCS budget. The community college system has made an effort to make sure the quality of education offered to Colorado's students has not been affected due to the economy.

- Internal Audit Committee, Patty Erjavec
 - There are currently three openings in the Internal Audit Department. This is the Audit Committee's main focus at this point. Cliff Richardson stated that they are currently interviewing and a restructuring has taken place.
- System President, Nancy McCallin
 - FTE reports were handed out for fall '09.
 - CCCS is currently seeing limiting factors on facilities.
 - Karen Bleeker stated they started their semester with 26 new courses and have narrowed that down to 17. Space for the increase in enrollment is an issue.
 - CCCOnline for the first time has a 36% increase. We've also had to cut some of the proposed classes due to lack of qualified adjunct faculty.
 - Hand-carries from Rhonda Bentz, Director of Media and Government Relations, were handed out. At the board retreat talking points, fact sheets and a power-point were requested from Rhonda.
 - MCC received an NLANC accreditation for their nursing program. Pass rates for three of the colleges have been discussed. They had been below the 75% threshold. All of those schools have increased their pass rates and now range from 80-90%.

- CCCOnline was recognized at the national SHEEO Conference and is being used as a model for other states to be emulate.
- Written Report II.B. - 2008 Transfer Report: Call to attention, page 6. We received completion rates for our colleges from the Department of Education. The report shows that our rates are favorable and extremely high.
- Hand-carry was handed out regarding green energy jobs. A request was made recently to receive more information on green energy jobs throughout CCCS. Geri Anderson has put this list together.
- Dates have been selected for campus visits to Morgan Community College and Northeastern Junior College on October 6, 2009 and to Lamar Community College, Otero Junior College, Pueblo Community College and Trinidad State Junior College for October 20-21, 2009.
- Workforce Summit will be held in the Denver metro area on November 16, 2009. This will be an all day event. CCCS plans to have this same Workforce Summit and move it out to the rural communities. It is in partnership with the Governor's Office of Economic Development, the Department of Labor and Employment, and Workforce Development boards. This is to educate people on the training and opportunities community colleges provide. Concentrating on certain training clusters and clean energy.
- The San Juan Basin Technical College and Pueblo Community College merger ceremony was held in Cortez on August 24th. It was a great day and the first day of classes on that campus. The community was extremely excited and energized.
- Pikes Peak Community College recently opened their campus at the Rocky Mountain Classical Academy.
- Opening of Confucius Institute will be held November 6, 2009. Those in attendance will be greeted by a performing dance troop and there will also be a fundraiser for institute.

B. Presidents' Reports

- Linda Bowman, CCA:
 - CCA –Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Student, Hanh Hoang has been honored as a Leader of Promise by National PTK. She

is one of 30 students being honored. This is the first time a PTK student has received a scholarship to complete their AA degree. Her goal is to transfer to Colorado School of Mines upon completion. An article on her accomplishment was posted on yourhub.com.

- CCA – Aurora Public Schools, due to a bond issue has a new campus they are phasing in this November. This will be a P-20 Campus. They are currently building the P-8 building. They will then build a high school. They plan to include higher education credits including CCA and a 4-year institution.
- Kerry Hart, MCC: Presented board with CD of the MCC Jazz Ensemble who recorded a collection of Glenn Miller Band. The community came together and raised \$45,000 to support this project that implemented a jazz ensemble that will be sustained through scholarships and has allowed creation of the CD. Innovative Abstracts a publication through University of Texas at Austin highlighted the project in their August 28th issue.
- Andy Dorsey, FRCC: FRCC has begun a new program in clean energy technology. The program originally planned to have 24 students and now has 48. Maury Dobbie was instrumental in bringing the program together with the Department of Economic Development and through and industry partnership. It has been very successful. When Budweiser was bought out, FRCC was fortunate enough to get the plant manager from Anheiser Busch. He is now the director of the program. He is highly qualified for the position.
- Michele Haney, RRCC: RRCC will be hosting an event titled Brain Rules on September 24-25, 2009 to listen to John Medina. It is a free event and we are doing the event in conjunction with the Colorado School of Mines.
- Felix Lopez, TSJC: The Gunsmithing Program is up and running. Classes will begin after the first of the year. The curriculum has been approved. Brownell's Gunmakers has donated \$250,000 for the extension of the program. TSJC will open a shop on campus to retail parts and TSJC will be visited by a national accreditation team from business and industry.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. None

V. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

A. None

VI. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Advisory council members NJC and RRCC
 - Mr. Rich O'Connell for appointment to a full term commencing July 1, 2009. (NJC)
 - Ms. Mary Russell for appointment to a full term commencing August 1, 2009. (RRCC)
- B. Look-back Analysis for Budget Formula Allocation (FY 2009-10)
- C. Respiratory Care Hours Increase
- D. CNCC Program Plan
- E. CNCC Master Plan
- F. Cisco IT equipment procurement
- G. Nomination to the Concurrent Enrollment Advisory Board

Maury Dobbie made a motion to approve the items as presented. Meg Porfido seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

VII. LEGISLATORS OF THE YEAR

These awards are given in appreciation of the support these legislators provide to community colleges and the issues that affect them.

The legislators recognized in 2009 were:

- A. Community College Champion – Representative Tom Massey
- B. Senator Keith King
- C. Senator Suzanne Williams
- D. Representative Beth McCann
- E. Representative Buffie McFayden

Each of the awardees took a few moments to thank the board for the hard work and dedication they have to the community colleges. They also reiterated the importance of community colleges throughout the state of Colorado.

Bernie Marquez thanked all of the awardees for all they do to support community colleges.

Maury Dobbie made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:55pm to go into Executive Session pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes section 24-6-402 (3)(b)(I) to discuss a personnel matter and pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes section 24-6-402 (3)(a)(II) to confer with the Board's attorney

concerning legal matters. Barbara McKellar seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes section 24-6-402 (3)(b)(I) to discuss a personnel matter and pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes section 24-6-402 (3)(a)(II) to confer with the Board's attorney concerning legal matters.

IX. ADJOURNMENT