

STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND  
OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION

REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

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Colorado Community College System  
9101 E Lowry Boulevard, Denver, CO 80230  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor – Board Room

Recognition of Representative Nancy Todd

In recognizing Representative Nancy Todd with the *2010 Legislator of the Year* award, Bernie Marquez spoke to Representative Todd's support of community college issues, specifically the implementation of the Amendment 50 legislation as well as the successful Transfer legislation and expressed the appreciation of CCCS's students, faculty, staff and administration.

I. CALL TO ORDER (10:40AM)

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Roll Call

**Members Present:** Bernadette Marquez, Chair, Wanda Cousar, Ledy Garcia-Eckstein, Rich Martinez, Meg Porfido, Dr. John Trefny, Tamra Ward, Dr. Todd Bergren, State Faculty Advisory Council representative, and Andy Bartlett, State Student Advisory Council representative.

**Members Absent:** Maury Dobbie, Vice Chair, and Ruth Ann Woods.

II. GENERAL BUSINESS

- A. Approval of Minutes
  - Regular Meeting of November 10, 2010

Rich Martinez made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. John Trefny seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

- B. Approval of Agenda

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

### C. Recognition of Tamra Ward

Bernie Marquez read into the minutes the Resolution presented to Tamra Ward for her years of service to the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education (SBCCOE), noting that Tamra joined the board in November 2002 and, due to term limits, is unable to continue serving. She shared that Tamra served as board chair from May 2005 to May 2006, as vice-chair from 2003 to 2005 and again from 2009 to 2010.

Bernie acknowledged Tamra's deep commitment to the students of CCCS, noting that Tamra has visited all 13 community colleges during her tenure on the board. She further acknowledged her contributions through Tamra's advocacy with policy makers on issues of importance to the community college students; her leadership on several successful ballot initiatives and her work against several ballot and legislative initiatives that would have greatly harmed not only the community colleges but the many other services upon which Coloradans depend.

Tamra expressed what her service on the SBCCOE board has meant to her, sharing that it has been a truly rewarding experience. She recognized the community college presidents, noting their remarkable commitment to the students who walk through their doors.

## III. REPORTS

### A. Board Reports

- Student Representative, Andy Bartlett
  - Andy shared that the SSAC met last month and expressed the SSAC's thanks to Dr. McCallin for attending the meeting and addressing the group on matters of the System.
  - A representative from Higher One attended the SSAC meeting and provided a platform to address questions and allow the SSAC members to share their concerns. Andy was very pleased that many of the issues brought forward during this discussion have already been implemented or are in the process of being implemented. Examples given: additional ATM locations; changes to marketing materials; and a smoother direct deposit process.
  - Andy concluded his report sharing that Erin Hoag, CCCS Dean of Student Services, is developing a series of student leadership development webinars for SSAC members.

- Faculty Representative, Dr. Todd Bergren
  - Dr. Bergren noted that faculty are focused on the end of term.
  - He expressed thanks for taking the SFAC's suggested modifications to BP 3-60, *Tuition Assistance Program*, and revising the policy to incorporate the modifications.
  - Dr. Bergren concluded his report, expressing the appreciation of CCCS faculty to the members of the board, and administration, for having the greatest job in the world.
  
- System President, Dr. Nancy McCallin
  - Dr. McCallin recognized Dr. John Boyd for his tenure as President of Colorado Northwestern Community College, noting that Dr. Boyd has accepted the presidency position at Mayland Community College in North Carolina, effective January 7, 2011.
  - She brought the members' attention to the op-ed article written by Bernie Marquez and herself on Governor Ritter's Complete College initiative and the role of community colleges within the state.
  - Dr. McCallin spoke to the enrollment report provided to the members of the board, noting that fall 2010 enrollment is up 11.4% over fall 2009 and that the early numbers for spring 2011 reflect an increase of 15.4% over spring 2010. The spring growth is expected to slow down. Based on the fall pattern, enrollment is expected to slow to approximately 8% - still very strong growth. To put this in perspective, during the last recession, our overall FTE increased 23%. FY 2009-2010 saw a 31% increase, which puts us on track (conservatively) to see an increase in FTE enrollment of 44% from its low point in 2006-2007.
  - Dr. McCallin referenced the written reports in the members' board books:
    - Specifically addressing an earlier question on employee count by category. She noted that there are 7,371 employees system-wide of whom 58% are part-time (including adjunct faculty). If you remove the adjunct faculty from the equation and only look at permanent employees, 12% are part-time. Twenty-nine percent of the permanent employees are Classified.

- To provide a better understanding of the Information Technology (IT) metrics, the number of transactions managed by IT at their peak (in August) was \$1.5 million. In November, their maximum number of transactions for one day was very high, at 144,719 – higher than their previous peak. Additionally, there has been a huge increase in financial aid dollars. In fall 2010, approximately \$206.2 million in financial aid was processed/paid versus \$136.2 million in the fall of 2009. Also, CCCOnline has 46,314 course registrations representing an unduplicated headcount of 29,887 – a growth of 30%.
- The Strategic Plan update reflects a new success measure: transfer rate plus graduation rate. The combination of the two is 45.7%, which places CCCS in the top 30<sup>th</sup> percentile in the nation.
- Dr. McCallin spoke to the Degrees Awarded report, noting that awards are up 1,210 or 10.9%. Over the previous 3-year period, certificates and degrees awarded are up 26.5% with the largest increase in 1 and 2-year certificates. Transfer degrees account for 19% of the degrees conferred and are up 11%. LPN and RN awards are down due to the timeout at CCD, which also accounts for the decrease in AAS awards. Overall, the health sciences are the top career cluster – 49% of all degrees.

A report on Completion Rates will be presented at the February 2011 board meeting.

- Dr. McCallin mentioned the SSAC letter of November 12, 2010 to the Colorado Higher Education Commissioners, noting the students' concern over another change to the state financial aid formula which will disproportionately hurt community college students.
- Dr. McCallin concluded her report, sharing the very busy week CCCS staff have just completed, attending the CDHE meeting where the CDHE approved CCCS's financial accountability plan to allow our governing board the authority to increase tuition up to 15.7% in 2011-2012 and 12.7% in 2012-2013, depending on the General Fund level. She noted that this was not a decision on tuition increases but rather the authority to go above the 9% tuition increase allowed in statute. The SBCCOE will retain the authority on setting tuition and will do so at the April

or May board meeting. Additionally, CCCS staff attended the JBC and CDC hearings this past week.

- Audit Committee Report, Dr. John Trefny
  - Dr. Trefny brought the members' attention to the Finance and Administration report, noting that CCCS is scheduled to go before the Legislative Audit Committee on December 13, 2010. Following the December 13 meeting, the full audit report will be released.
    - Dr. McCallin noted that a full audit report will be presented at the February 2011 board meeting.
- Higher Education Strategic Planning (HESP) Report, Meg Porfido
  - Meg Porfido expressed appreciation to Dr. Trefny for his suggested modifications to the HESP report, which have been incorporated in the on-line report.
  - The report has gone to the Colorado Commission on Higher Education. Additionally, Governor-elect Hickenlooper and Joe Garcia are reviewing the report.

#### B. Presidents' Reports

- Dr. Kerry Hart, MCC President, noted that the Collision Repair program has received recognition; MCC was recognized as a top 50 community college and has received recognition from the Business Champions.
- Dr. Diana Doyle, ACC President, brought the members' attention to ACC's 2010-2015 Strategic Plan brochure, which was distributed to the members of the board. She welcomed any questions or comments the board might have, following their review of the plan.

#### IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. None

#### V. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

A. None carried forward from the Work Session.

## **VI. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

- A. Advisory Council Member, Pueblo Community College
  - Mr. John Roth for appointment to a full term commencing January 1, 2011
- B. Advisory Council Members, Arapahoe Community College
  - Ms. Cynthia Beltzer for appointment to a full term commencing January 1, 2011
  - Ms. Judi Diaz-Bonacquisti for appointment to a full term commencing January 1, 2011
- C. Proposed SBCCOE Bylaw Change
- D. Modification to BP 3-60, Tuition Assistance Program
- E. FRCC-Boulder Campus, Internal Construction (Renovation) Project
- F. Arapahoe Community College Business Plan and Lease for Castle Rock Campus

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

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to bring before the board, Wanda Cousar made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:20am. Meg Porfido seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.