

STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND  
OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION

REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

November 10, 2010

Arapahoe Community College  
5900 S Santa Fe Drive, Littleton, CO 80160  
Main Building ~ Half Moon (M1800)

I. CALL TO ORDER (11:40AM)

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Roll Call

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

II. GENERAL BUSINESS

- A. Approval of Minutes
  - Regular Meeting of September 8, 2010

Dr. Trefny requested an amendment to the September 8, 2010 minutes to clarify the information presented in the President's report relative to the CCCS's grant awards of \$69 million. The minutes will be amended to reflect that the \$69 million is a total of all current grant awards, both new and on-going, as of July 2010 and that throughout the year grants will be closed out and the award numbers adjusted accordingly.

Ledy Garcia-Eckstein made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Wanda Cousar seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

- B. Approval of Agenda

Dr. McCallin requested a modification to the agenda to move Consent Agenda Item VI.B. *Pikes Peak Community College Theater Renovation Project* to section V. Discussion and Action Items.

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

### III. REPORTS

#### A. Board Reports

- Student Representative, Andy Bartlett
  - Andy shared that the SSAC will be meeting Friday, November 12 and two main items on their agenda will be HigherOne relative to student financial aid and legislative issues. Andy will report any findings from the HigherOne discussion at the December board meeting.
  - The past SSAC meeting was their Leadership Conference with approximately 125 in attendance. The annual election of officers was held during the conference.
  
- Faculty Representative, Dr. Todd Bergren
  - Dr. Bergren reflected on the increased enrollment.
  - He noted the various building projects, specifically the front entrance planned for the CCA-Lowry campus.
  - SFAC has been working with Cynthia Hier, CCCS HR Director, drafting ideas on personnel policies. More information will be forthcoming.
  - Faculty members have shared their appreciation for the new employee tuition assistance program.
  - Dr. Bergren shared information on e-textbooks, noting that some science textbooks can currently be purchased by chapter, making the cost to the student significantly less than purchasing a hard-bound version of the same textbook. A discussion for a future meeting.
    - Ledy Garcia-Eckstein inquired as to the number of students currently using iPads. Speaking from his perspective as a member of the CCA faculty, Dr. Bergren has not seen many CCA students utilizing iPads.
  
- System President, Dr. Nancy McCallin
  - Dr. McCallin referenced the two written reports included in the Board members' materials: *SP 16-50, Naming of College Facilities* and *The Degree Dividend, Colorado's Strategic Plan for Higher Education*.
  - She brought the members' attention to a proposed change to the SBCCOE Bylaws, noting that the proposed change clarifies which board meetings qualify for per diem. This item will be brought before the Board at the December 2010 meeting for an official vote.

- Dr. McCallin made note of Trinidad State Junior College's monthly board report, which includes an interview of student Jeremy Begley, TSJC's 2010 valedictorian, who was invited to attend the first White House Summit on Community Colleges. Chuck Beck, Industrial Science Operations instructor from Red Rocks Community College, also participated in the White House Summit.
- Dr. McCallin shared that she and CU President, Bruce Benson, will be holding a press conference Tuesday, November 16, to announce CU's new policy on guaranteed admission to the University of Colorado for transfer students from CCCS colleges. Community college students who have completed 30 semester hours of transferable community college coursework, with a GPA of 2.7 or higher, and who have no outstanding minimum academic preparation standards will be guaranteed admission to CU.
- Referencing the Year-over-Year FTE Comparison report, Dr. McCallin noted that fall 2010 saw an increase of 11.3% over fall 2009; Residents saw an increase of 9.95% and non-residents saw an increase of 26%. The urban colleges saw the strongest gains, specifically CCD, CCA, and PCC. CCC On-line saw an increase of 20%.
- Gov. Ritter submitted the state budget on November 1<sup>st</sup> with a cut to higher education of \$89million. This was expected due to the expiration of federal funding and something the colleges had planned for accordingly. Two issues that will continue to affect employees: the proposed continuation of the 2.5% reduction in take home pay due to a shift in PERA state contributions to employees and no pay increases for the third year in a row.
- Between August and October, \$15.2million in new grants were received for a total, throughout the year, of \$85million. Dr. McCallin noted that grants close out throughout the year as new grants are received. Since May, \$29million in grants were closed out.
- Dr. McCallin recently attended ribbon-cutting ceremonies at Front Range Community College – Larimer (Science building) and Morgan Community College (Nursing Facility). Colorado Northeastern Community College also had a ribbon-cutting for the renaming of the Striegel building.
- Recent accreditation acknowledgement went to Southwest Colorado Community College (Pueblo Community College's

southwest campus); Lamar Community College's AQIP; and Arapahoe Community College's nursing program.

- A discussion regarding the *Gainful Employment Rules* will be held over to the December 2010 board meeting and led by Dr. Geri Anderson. Dr. Anderson provided a brief summary to the board, agreeing to a more detailed discussion in December.
- Audit Committee Report, Dr. John Trefny
  - Dr. Trefny noted that the Audit Committee met October 2, 2010 where the members received an update of investigations and internal audits as well as hotline calls. Dr. Trefny noted that the majority of the hotline calls are relative to HR and Academic Affairs. All calls are being or have been investigated.
- Higher Education Strategic Planning (HESP) Report, Meg Porfido
  - Meg Porfido reported that the final HESP report was presented to Governor Ritter last week. She noted that the media's focus is on funding.
  - Appreciation to all who participated in the various committees that made the report possible was expressed by Meg.
    - Ledy Garcia-Eckstein spoke to the quality of the report.
    - Maury Dobbie complimented Meg on her hard work as well as that of Dr. McCallin, Dr. Anderson, and all those who helped bring this report to fruition.
  - Next steps: The report goes to the Colorado Commission on Higher Education and the new Governor.
  - The question was raised as to who should receive recommendations, referencing the calculations on page 12 of the report. Meg advised recommendations should be sent to Rico Munn, CDHE Executive Director, Kim Poast, CDHE Deputy Director, and Jim Polsfut, Chair, Commission on Higher Education.
  - Meg concluded her report by noting that the achievement gap is significant. It was determined that discussion regarding this topic will be held for a future meeting.

## B. Presidents' Reports

- Dr. John Boyd, CNCC President, shared that CNCC flight students recently participated in the regional NIFA competition. Marcus Kindall received the top pilot award, beating out all other students including the Air Force Academy cadets.
- Dr. Karen Bleeker, CCD President, shared that 145 students were inducted into Phi Theta Kappa. This number represents twice the number of students inducted last year.
- Felix Lopez, TSJC President, announced that women's basketball is back on campus after an absence of 25 years.
- Andy Dorsey, FRCC President, announced that both the Practical Nursing and Practical Nursing-to-Associate-Degree Nursing Programs at the Boulder County Campus were recommended for initial accreditation by the National League of Nursing Survey Team following their recent site visit. Additionally, Mr. Dorsey shared that 150 students from the Westminster campus will be inducted in Phi Theta Kappa this year.
- Dr. Linda Bowman, CCA President, shared information on ASCENT student, Jaime Corchado, who is studying to be a math teacher. Jaime received concurrent enrollment credit for Calculus I last year at Aurora Central (among a few other classes) and is now teaching alongside his high school instructor, tutoring college students in Calculus I.
- Dr. Diana Doyle, ACC President, shared information on a newly formed student advisory council, noting that she was looking for a consistent way to interact with a wide variety of students to discuss ACC issues pertinent to them that would impact student success. The President's Student Advisory Council was created to accomplish this goal. Dr. Doyle was hoping to find 15-20 interested students and was pleasantly surprised when over 40 applications were received. With the help of Student Services staff, the number was narrowed down to 24. The Council meets once a month, Dr. Doyle then shares student comments/suggestions with appropriate administrators and staff to effect necessary and appropriate changes.
  - Dr. John Trefny commented on ACC's online tutorials and the pilot math program mentioned in ACC's board report, noting that he would like to hear more on these programs at a future meeting.

## IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

### A. None

**V. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Pikes Peak Community College Theater Renovation Project**

- Cliff Richardson reported that the bids for PPCC's theater renovation project came in higher than the earlier estimated amount of \$1,600,000. The actual bid amount is \$1,996,369, approximately \$400,000 more than estimated.
  - Bernie Marquez asked whether the college would still be in a position to cash fund the new amount. Cliff confirmed that the new bid amount would be entirely cash funded.

Ruth Ann Woods made a motion to approve the amended project cost. Dr. Trefny seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**VI. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

**A. Advisory Council Nomination, Morgan Community College**

- Mr. Michael Berryhill for appointment to a full term commencing January 1, 2011

**B. Otero Junior College Fitness Center Project**

**C. Pueblo Community College Building Name Change**

**D. Conditional Approvals of Career and Technical Education Programs**

**E. Career and Technical Act Fund Distribution**

**F. Proposed Change to BP4-25, *State Student Advisory Council***

Rich Martinez made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented. Meg Porfido seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**RECESS** for lunch

Ledy Garcia-Eckstein made a motion to recess for lunch at 12:30pm, joining the CTSO students and Business and Industry representatives. Rich Martinez seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**RECONVENE** Regular Session of the Board

Ledy Garcia-Eckstein made a motion to reconvene the SBCCOE Regular Session at 1:15pm. Ruth Ann Woods seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Maury Dobbie made a motion to move into Executive Session pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes section 24-6-402(3)(a)(II) to confer with the Board's attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice and pursuant to

Colorado Revised Statutes section 24-6-402(3)(b)(I) to discuss personnel matters. Rich Martinez seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

## **VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board will hold an executive session pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes section 24-6-402(3)(a)(II) to confer with the Board's attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice and pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes section 24-6-402(3)(b)(I) for the purpose of discussing personnel matters.

Meg Porfido made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Wanda Cousar seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Tamra Ward made a motion that the Board discontinue negotiations with the U.S. Air Force regarding abrogation of the deed restrictions on the Lowry campus, and that the Board rescind its previous offers for abrogation of the deed restrictions on the Lowry campus. Meg Porfido seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Ruth Ann Woods made a motion that the Board deposit the proceeds of the sale of the Trinidad State Nursing Home in an auxiliary account for the benefit of Trinidad State Junior College, that the president of Trinidad State Junior College present a plan to the Board for use of the funds in the auxiliary account, and that expenditure of funds in the account be subject to Board approval. Maury Dobbie seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to bring before the board, Ledy Garcia-Eckstein made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:30pm. Ruth Ann Woods seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.