

STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND  
OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION

REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

September 8, 2010

Colorado Community College System - Lowry  
9101 E Lowry Blvd, Denver, CO 80203  
Board Room – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

I. CALL TO ORDER (11:25 a.m.)

- 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 (via phone), Dr. John Trefny, Tamra Ward, and Dr. Todd Bergren, State Faculty Advisory Council representative.

**Members Absent:** Ruth Ann Woods and Amanda Beatty, State Student Advisory Council representative.

II. GENERAL BUSINESS

- A. Approval of Minutes
  - Regular Meeting of June 9, 2010
  - Special Session of August 11, 2010

Ledy Garcia-Eckstein made a motion to approve the minutes (June 9, 2010 and August 11, 2010) as written. Dr. John Trefny seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

- B. Approval of Agenda

Dr. John Trefny made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Wanda Cousar seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

III. REPORTS

- A. Board Reports
  - Student Representative, Mandy Beatty
    - No report due to Mandy's absence.

- Faculty Representative, Dr. Todd Bergren
  - Dr. Bergren extended SFAC's appreciation to Dr. John Boyd for hosting the SFAC retreat at CNCC this past May. He noted the SFAC representatives from the various colleges where building projects are taking place all voiced their excitement in regard to the projects and the impact the new space will have on their service to the students.
  - The increased enrollment across all campuses is seen as both exciting and challenging. Dr. Bergren spoke to the diversity in student populations due to the increased enrollments.
  - One concern that the SFAC is looking into is the cost of textbooks. They believe there will be some relief through E-books as well as iPads. Trials of both will be conducted in the near future.
  - Dr. Bergren shared information relative to one of his students who had participated in the recent NASA Space Grant project and who was recently sought out by NASA to develop an experimental weather balloon. The balloon was launched successfully on its first test.
  
- System President, Dr. Nancy McCallin
  - Dr. McCallin shared that both Front Range Community College – Larimer and Morgan Community College have ribbon cutting ceremonies scheduled for October 2010. More information will be forthcoming from the respective colleges.
  - Rhonda Bentz distributed a new brochure to each of the members of the board entitled "When Teachers Love To Teach, Students Love To Learn". Dr. McCallin shared that the brochure profiles two faculty members from each of the colleges and represents how well educated and experienced our faculty members are in their respective professions and/or disciplines.
  - In the past two years the colleges (collectively) have added approximately 28,000 new students, an increase of 26%. This growth is unprecedented and is equal in size to CU-Boulder's undergraduate enrollment. Fall 2010 enrollment has grown another 11.9%. Dr. McCallin expects the growth to taper off in the future due to

capacity constraints in our facilities and, once the economy recovers, expectations are for a slowing or a drop in enrollments.

- The Banner system is stable. Sungard conducted extensive load-testing over the summer and identified and fixed issues. The following reflect the increased workload being imposed on the system:
  - Between August 9 and August 24, 764,000 student transactions were processed with a maximum of 99,000 processed in one day.
  - Financial aid offices processed more than \$457 million in *offered* aid for fall 2010.
  - From August 9 through August 13, \$4.7 million in tuition payments were processed through the new web payment gateway. FRCC alone accounted for \$1.3 million of that amount.
- Information on CCCS Grant totals was distributed to the members of the board. Dr. McCallin shared that the colleges/foundations have been awarded approximately \$69 million in grants as of July 2010, which reflects an increase from \$66.5 million reported in May 2010. The \$69 million is a total of all current grant awards, both new and on-going. Throughout the year grants will be closed out and the award numbers adjusted accordingly.
- Pueblo Community College was highlighted on a national tour from the U.S. Department of Labor and was visited by Department of Labor Secretary Hilda Solis.
- In response to a request by board member, Ruth Ann Woods, Dr. Geri Anderson met with representatives from the Western Associate of Food Chains (WAFC) regarding employee training. CCCS colleges, exclusively, will be offering a statewide training program for the employees of King Soopers, Safeway, CostCo, Albertson's and Sprouts. The Gates Foundation has expressed an interest in providing funding for curriculum development and implementation of this program.
- The *Washington Monthly* has rated Morgan Community College as one of the top 50 community colleges in the nation, ranked # 36.

- The Community College of Denver is the education partner for RTD's work force training on the FasTracks Eagle P3 project which broke ground yesterday. This project is the east corridor light rail system to Denver International Airport.
  - With respect to Lowry and the Air Force, the U.S. Department of Education sent a letter this week to the General Services Administration (GSA) requesting that they release a copy of the appraisal for the Lowry property. A copy of the letter was distributed to the board.
  - An article in The Pueblo Chieftain on the Trinidad Nursing Home was distributed to the board. The city will be requesting voters to approve a tax for the nursing home.
  - The U.S. Department of Education is going through a rule making process on "gainful employment" regulations that will be very onerous to the colleges if the rules are adopted. Driven by reports of problems at for-profit institutions, the U.S. Department of Education has been moving toward imposing new standards on training programs leading to gainful employment. The proposed regulations released by the U.S. Department of Education July 26 could potentially limit student aid eligibility for programs designed to lead to gainful employment, including CCCS's career and technical education programs. The proposal is targeted at for-profit institutions and is keyed to student debt loads and loan repayment. As proposed, the rules could also negatively affect some of the community college programs. Dr. Geri Anderson provided an overview of the proposed regulations' impact on CCCS's college programs.
- Audit Committee Report, Dr. John Trefny
    - Regarding the recent activities of the Audit Committee, Dr. Trefny directed the board to the report provided by Charla Hollowell enclosed with their board materials.
  - Higher Education Strategic Planning Report, Meg Porfido
    - Meg Porfido and Dr. Geri Anderson presented an update to the board during the work session.

## B. Presidents' Reports

- Dr. Karen Bleeker, CCD, shared the excitement of faculty relative to teaching in the 12 new modular "smart" classrooms. She extended her appreciation to the members of the board for approving the addition of the new classrooms.
- Andy Dorsey, FRCC, distributed invitations to the members of the board for the October 1 ribbon cutting ceremony for FRCC-Larimer campus' new science building.
- Dr. Tony Kinkel, PPCC, shared information on PPCC's partnership with Memorial Hospital where PPCC will provide general education courses to students of Memorial Hospital's Radiology Technology program.
- Dr. Diana Doyle, ACC, distributed information regarding ACC's "Chalk It Up to Education" art festival event being held this Saturday on the ACC campus. The proceeds from this event will support ACC Foundation student scholarships.

## IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- No comments received.

## V. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

- No items carried forth from the Work Session.

## VI. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

### A. Advisory Council Member, Colorado Northwestern Community College

- Mr. Robert C. McFerron for appointment to a full term commencing September 1, 2010
- Mr. David A. Fleming for appointment to a full term commencing September 1, 2010

### B. Advisory Council Member, Pueblo Community College

- Mr. Michael Baxter for appointment to a full term commencing October 1, 2010
- Mr. Christopher Burke for appointment to a full term commencing October 1, 2010
- Mr. John Merriam for appointment to a full term commencing October 1, 2010

### C. Advisory Council Member, Northeastern Junior College

- Ms. Darcy Garretson for reappointment to a full term commencing July 1, 2010
- D. Bond Resolution for Sale of Bonds for Pueblo Community College and Community College of Denver.
- E. FY 2010-11 State Support and Amendment 50 Revised Allocations.
- F. Spending Authority for Front Range Community College- Westminster Campus Renovation Project.
- G. Board Approval for Modification to BP 3-60 Employee Benefits Plan.
- H. Renaming of University Center at Chaparral, Arapahoe Community College.
- I. Renaming a Facility at Colorado Northwestern Community College from Studer to Striegel.
- J. Business and Industry Partnerships.

Dr. John Trefny made a motion to approve all consent agenda items, noting the modification to consent agenda item VI.G. *Modification to BP 3-60 Employee Benefit Plans*. The modification should read "beginning in the spring term of 2011" rather than the fall term of 2010. Maury Dobbie seconded the motion with the noted modification to item VI.G. and the motion passed unanimously.

Maury Dobbie made a motion to move into Executive Session. Tamra Ward 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; and pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes section 24-6-402(3)(a)(I), to discuss a property matter.

Tamra Ward made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Maury Dobbie seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

## VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to bring before the Board, Rich Martinez made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:24p.m. Dr. John Trefny seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.