

STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND
OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION

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Community College of Aurora
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Classroom Bldg., Rm C-207 A&B

REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Roll Call

Members Present: Bernadette Marquez, Chair, Maury Dobbie, Vice Chair, Ledy Garcia-Eckstein, Rich Martinez, Dr. John Trefny, Jim Johnson, and Dr. Todd Bergren, State Faculty Advisory Council representative.

Members Absent: Ruth Ann Woods, Tamra Ward, Meg Porfido, and Andy Bartlett, State Student Advisory Council representative.

II. GENERAL BUSINESS

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

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

- B. Approval of Agenda

Bernie Marquez presented the following revisions to the agenda:

- Addition of agenda item V.A. *Approval of Possible Conflict of Interest: GE Johnson Construction Company* as a Discussion and Action agenda item.
- Removal of Consent Agenda item VI.B. *CCCS Financial and Compliance Audit* to be carried forward to the March 2011 regular session of the Board.

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

C. Recognition of Wanda Cousar

Bernie Marquez read into the minutes the Resolution presented to Wanda Cousar for her years of service to the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education (SBCCOE), noting that Wanda has served the Colorado Community College System as a member of the board for six years, having joined the board in 2004.

Bernie acknowledged Wanda's deep commitment to the students of CCCS, noting that Wanda has visited many of the community colleges during her tenure on the board. She further acknowledged Wanda's contributions through her advocacy with policy makers on issues of importance to the community college students and recognized her leadership as a scholar in support of Pikes Peak Community College and the Colorado Springs community.

Wanda expressed what her service on the SBCCOE board has meant to her, sharing that it has been a truly rewarding experience.

III. REPORTS

A. Board Reports

- Student Representative, Andy Bartlett
 - Due to Andy's absence, no report available.
- Faculty Representative, Dr. Todd Bergren
 - Dr. Bergren noted two areas of concern in the forefront of the minds of faculty across the System: pay/budget and transfer agreement progress.
 - Of the first (pay/budget), he noted that though faculty members understand the constraints on the budget and subsequently the pay situation, it affects recruitment and retention of faculty members who find that they are having to leave the community college system for better paying positions elsewhere; it affects the full-time faculty / adjunct instructor balance; and it brings to the forefront legal workload questions.

- Of the second area of concern (transfer agreement progress), Dr. Bergren noted the slowness of the process to finalize transfer agreements and the importance of transfer agreements to our students

Bernie Marquez, speaking for the members of the board, asked that Dr. Bergren carry a message back to the faculty members, that the board hears their message regarding the lack of salary increases and conveys their concern.

- System President, Dr. Nancy McCallin
 - Dr. McCallin spoke to the enrollment report distributed to the members of the board noting that spring enrollment is up 8.9% with the greatest growth in the metro-Denver colleges. Strong growth continues in the non-resident category with an increase of 18.4% for spring 2011 while resident growth is up 7.9% for the same time period.
 - The sale of the Trinidad State Nursing Home occurred on February 2. The \$2 million for the release of our reversionary interest in the deed was paid to CCCS on February 3. As per the direction of the board, proceeds from the sale have been placed in a restricted account for the benefit of Trinidad State Junior College (TSJC). The next steps will be for the president of TSJC to present a plan to the board regarding the use of the funds. The expenditure of the funds in the account is subject to board approval. Dr. McCallin noted that the plan does not need to expend all \$2 million at one time but rather it can reflect a strategy for incremental expenditure.
 - Dr. McCallin noted her concern over the slowness of the transfer agreement process, noting that she will be speaking with legislators regarding her concern and its effect on our students' education pathways. Additionally, Dr. McCallin shared that Dr. Geri Anderson met with representatives from the WICHE states in late January to begin designing transfer agreements with those states.
 - Dr. McCallin shared that she has been nominated to serve on the American Council on Education (ACE) board. Formal nominee approval will take place at their annual conference in early March. ACE is the major coordinating body for all the nation's higher education institutions.

- Arapahoe Community College (ACC) has been working with the director of the Western Association of Food Chains to offer a statewide training program for King Soopers, Safeway, Costco, Albertson's, and Sprouts. ACC has aligned courses with their competencies to modify an existing degree and certificate program in Retail Management. ACC's anticipated start date is fall 2011. All CCCS colleges will be able to offer the program/degree in their service area.
- CCCS, in partnership with BC Campus in Canada, WICHE, and the Colorado School of Mines, has been named a finalist in an online remote lab proposal for the New Generation Learning Challenge grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Of the 600 proposals received, CCCS's is one of 50 finalists. The grant is for the development of remote lab technology and open science courseware in three gatekeeper courses required for science majors – biology, physics, and chemistry. If awarded, the grant will be in the amount of \$750,000.
- Dr. McCallin spoke to the US Department of Labor grants, noting that there is availability of up to \$500 million in grant funds to be awarded nationally in 2011 under the Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training grants program (TAA-CCCTG). The Department intends to fund grants ranging from \$2.5 million to \$5 million for individual applicants and up to \$20 million for consortium applicants. The overarching goals are to increase attainment of degrees, certificates, and other industry-recognized credentials to better prepare the targeted population (trade-impacted workers) and other beneficiaries for high-wage, high-skill employment. The four program priorities include: accelerate progress for low-skilled and other workers; improve retention, completion, and achievement rates; build programs that meet industry needs; and strengthen online and technology-enabled learning.

CCCS will submit a consortium application targeted at the TAA population and is working with all 13 System colleges as well as Aims and Colorado Mountain College. Grant proposals are due April 21, 2011.

- Dr. McCallin addressed the *Grants Update* written report distributed to the board, noting that there are \$54 million

in active grants as of January 2011. She brought to the attention of the board that the last report reflected \$84 million in grants, which represented all grants that existed during the 2010 calendar year. Of that figure, approximately \$30 million in grants closed out. The current report reflects total grants active as of January 2011. This number will grow throughout the year and will be reduced at year-end when closed-out grants are deducted.

- The National League for Nursing Accreditation Commission (NLNAC) panel voted unanimously to recommend accreditation of ACC's nursing program to the full Board. The Board will meet the first week of March to give the final vote for accreditation with notification by the end of March. To date, the nursing programs at Morgan, Otero, Pueblo, and Front Range – Larimer are all accredited.
- The Department of Education will be holding a series of Regional Community College Summits as a follow-up to Jill Biden's October 2010 White House Community College Summit. The regional summits will build on the initial White House summit while engaging institutional representatives in sharing and identifying best institutional practices. Twenty participants from Colorado will attend the regional summit in San Diego April 15, 2011.
- Dr. McCallin provided an update on the Pikes Peak Community College presidential search. She is scheduled to receive a finalists list for review April 29, 2011. Dr. McCallin noted that the board representative on the search committee is Ruth Ann Woods.
- In closing, Dr. McCallin shared that six CCCS colleges have partnered with the Piton Foundation through its Tax Help Colorado Program in preparing tax returns free of charge for thousands of lower-income families. In the first week of the program, our colleges helped to prepare over 500 tax returns, with refunds totaling \$1.4 million.

Ledy Garcia-Eckstein noted that at a recent meeting with the US Department of Labor Red Rocks Community College's energy program was recognized.

- Audit Committee Report, Dr. John Trefny
 - Dr. Trefny shared that the CCCS Audit Committee was pleased with the recent Audit Report and noted that Dr.

McCallin, Cliff Richardson, and the CCCS staff are to be congratulated on the outcome of the audit. Rich Martinez, as a member of the Audit Committee, concurred with Dr. Trefny's acknowledgement of the CCCS management and staff.

B. Presidents' Reports

- Dr. Kerry Hart, MCC President, shared that the college has received a \$1.65 million endowment from the A.F. Williams Family Foundation in Fort Morgan. The endowment will fund a full-time faculty position, MCC's new Director of Radiologic Technology. The MCC Foundation will receive the endowment in three installments of \$550,000 over a three-year period.

Additionally, Dr. Hart shared that the MCC Jazz Band is scheduled to perform March 1 at 12:15p.m. for the Colorado State Legislators. An invitation to attend the performance was extended to all in attendance.

- Dr. Karen Bleeker, CCD President, shared information on retention, noting that CCD's LPN Certificate Program has a 99% pass rate. Additionally, CCD has received its first donation to the Catherine Meinders Learning Lab in the amount of \$50,000.
- Dr. Diana Doyle, ACC President, announced that for the 4th consecutive year, ACC's Auto Tech Program has been selected by Tomorrow's Technician Magazine and Chicago Pneumatics as one of the top 20 automotive education programs in the country.
- Andy Dorsey, FRCC President, shared that both the PN and RN programs received good reports towards NLNAC accreditation. Additionally, the Westminster campus recently completed their NLNAC accreditation site visit.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. No public comments.

V. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

- A. Approval of Possible Conflict of Interest: GE Johnson Construction Company, Hand Carry

John Trefny made a motion to approve the possible conflict of interest regarding Jim Johnson and GE Johnson Construction Company relating to the bid by GE Johnson Construction Company for the contract to build the CCD Student Learning and Engagement building. Ledy Garcia-Eckstein seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

- o Let the minutes reflect that Jim Johnson excused himself from the board meeting during the vote and abstained from voting due to his position as President and CEO of the GE Johnson Construction Company.

In the event GE Johnson Construction Company is awarded the contract, the matter will again come before the Board for approval.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- A. In-State Tuition Legislation/SB11-126
- B. Career Technical Act Rule Changes
- C. Degrees with Designation
- D. Pikes Peak Community College – Downtown Studio Roof Replacement
- E. Community College of Aurora – Lowry Campus Renovation
- F. Arapahoe Community College – Facilities Master Plan

Maury Dobbie made a motion to approve the consent agenda items as revised. Rich Martinez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to bring before the Board, Ledy Garcia-Eckstein made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:45a.m. The motion was seconded by John Trefny and passed unanimously.