

**STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND
OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION**

March 9, 2011

Community College of Denver
900 Auraria Parkway, Denver, CO
Tivoli Student Union – Room 320, Baerresen Ballroom

REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER (10:45a.m.)

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Roll Call

Members Present: Bernadette Marquez, Chair, Maury Dobbie, Vice Chair, Jim Johnson, Rich Martinez, Meg Porfido, Tamra Ward, Ruth Ann Woods, Dr. Todd Bergren, State Faculty Advisory Council representative, and Andy Bartlett, State Student Advisory Council representative.

Members Absent: Ledy Garcia-Eckstein and Dr. John Trefny.

II. GENERAL BUSINESS

- A. Approval of Minutes
 - Regular Meeting of February 9, 2011

Ruth Ann Woods made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Meg Porfido seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

- B. Approval of Agenda

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

III. REPORTS

- A. Board Reports
 - Student Representative, Andy Bartlett

- Andy expressed his appreciation for the attendance of his fellow students at the January CCHE meeting, addressing the Commissioners regarding the importance of financial aid.
 - Cynthia Hier, CCCS HR Executive Director, and Angie Gramse, CCCS Associate General Counsel, attended the February SSAC meeting, addressing the group and responding to questions and concerns. Their attendance was greatly appreciated as it provided the students the opportunity receive information directly.
 - Andy shared that this month's meeting will be the last formal SSAC meeting. The focus of the April meeting will be the election of officers for the 2011-2012 academic year.
 - Andy concluded his report by noting that three SSAC officers will be attending a student conference in Washington, D.C. this month and that the next student-focused event will be the Rising Star luncheon scheduled for Thursday, April 14.
- Faculty Representative, Dr. Todd Bergren
 - Dr. Bergren reported back to the SFAC members the Board's concerns regarding their salary concerns. He noted that the SFAC members are brainstorming no-cost / low-cost benefit ideas, which will be brought before the Board as those ideas are developed. The Tuition Assistance Program has been well-received and faculty members are excited about the renovations and new construction at the various campuses.
 - Bernadette Marquez asked Dr. Bergren to report to the faculty that the State Board is very concerned about CCCS salaries and that it is a topic that the Board would like to address when the state budget improves.
 - Dr. Geri Anderson attended this month's SFAC meeting, sharing with the group information on transfer agreements. Faculty members voiced their disappointment regarding the progress being made with transfer agreements.

- Dr. Bergren shared that he is on the search committee for the CCCOnline Science Committee Chair and believes this position will make a significant difference with our online programs.

- System President, Dr. Nancy McCallin
 - Dr. McCallin announced Ken Weil's appointment to the board, directing the members of the Board to Governor Hickenlooper's press release announcing Mr. Weil's appointment.
 - Dr. McCallin noted that enrollment continues to be strong at the metro colleges and directed the Board's attention to the most recent enrollment data (spring 2011 versus spring 2010), which reflects an increase of 8.13% overall. Resident enrollment is up 7.4%, with non-resident enrollment showing a 15.5% increase.
 - Regarding the Pikes Peak Community College presidential search, the search committee is in the process of screening applicants. More than 40 applications have been received and several of the applicants are current seated presidents from other institutions. Ruth Ann Woods represents the Board on the search committee.
 - CCCS is in the process of recruiting a Foundation Director, with the assistance of a search firm. The expected hiring date is June 1, 2011.
 - In regard to articulation agreements, Dr. McCallin met with Lt. Governor Joe Garcia, Senator Shaffer and Senator King regarding the slowness of the articulation agreement process. After much pressure, the GE-25 finalized 5 new agreements Monday, one for history, two for psychology, one for Spanish, and one for mathematics. Following institution signatures, the agreements will go before the CCHE at their April 1st meeting. Four additional agreements are in final review. These include anthropology, French, early childhood and sociology. Dr. Bergren commented that this means CCCS can now offer degrees with designation in those new disciplines. Ruth Ann Woods shared that she had received concerns from students in the Trinidad area who were having difficulty with transfers.

Dr. McCallin asked that Ruth Ann provide her with more information relative to those specific cases.

- New grants are in development or have been submitted. CCCS is working on the TAA Community College Training Grant. CCCS is also working with the WICHE states on the submission of a regional grant. If awarded, Colorado would receive about \$10 million in funding. The North American Network of Science Labs Online (NANSLO) grant is ongoing; and CCCS will partner with the Colorado Department of Higher Education on the Complete College America grant, which is a grant designed to inspire and enhance state efforts to significantly boost college completion and close attainment gaps for traditionally underrepresented populations. CCCS will develop a proposal with the goal to win one of ten \$1 million, 18-month implementation grants. Dr. McCallin expressed her appreciation to Bernie Marquez for bringing forward information on this grant opportunity.
- The Military Spouses program at Pikes Peak Community College has received the attention of the White House. Michelle Obama's office called seeking information for possible duplication of the program on a large scale. The pilot program took place over a 12-month period and involved 21 military spouses from Fort Carson and Peterson Air Force Base with a goal to increase IT skills, preparing the participants for reemployment in the IT sector. The goal was recognized through the pilot program. Program completers had an average 3.7 GPA.
- The invitations for the Community College Regional Summit scheduled for April 15 are out.
- Dr. McCallin recognized Dr. Karen Bleeker for having been awarded the Phi Theta Kappa Shirley B. Gordon Award of Distinction. Those receiving this award are recognized for having provided extensive support and a variety of resources for their colleges' PTK chapters.
- Dr. McCallin addressed a number of Federal Government issues, specifically:
 - Definition of a credit hour: Disregards the time-honored academic policy of what is a credit hour and forces accreditation organizations to be the regulator. Changes accreditation from one where it

is a peer-to-peer process to assess and improve academic policy to one where accreditation organizations will need to assure the definition of a credit hour is met. The new definition is based on seat time, without consideration for acceleration of courses or online courses. This is effective July 1, 2011.

- State Authorization: In order for a student to qualify for financial aid, each state must approve and review all institutions conducting business in that state, even institutions whose only connection with the state is to offer courses online. This has significant implications for online courses.
 - Recent letters received from the Trinidad State Junior College Advisory Council and Foundation Board regarding the proceeds from the sale of the Trinidad State Nursing Home were addressed by Dr. McCallin and provided to the board for their review, along with Dr. McCallin's letters of response.
 - A copy of the letter regarding Perkins Funding, which was sent to US Senate and House of Representative members, was provided to the Board for their review and information.
 - In closing, Dr. McCallin shared information relative to the recent CTSO annual meetings, notably the Creative Careers Festival which was attended by 735 students, teachers, and counselors from 22 high schools across the state; the DECA conference which was attended by 2,655 DECA members, 117 marketing instructors/DECA advisors, and 276 competitive event judges from throughout Colorado. The HOSA State Leadership Conference was held in early March with over 375 students attending; the Colorado Technology Student Association held its annual state conference recently with more than 715 in attendance, making it the largest conference in the state organization's history.
- Audit Committee Report, Dr. John Trefny
 - In Dr. Trefny's absence, Rich Martinez, Audit Committee Vice-Chair, noted that an Audit Committee meeting is scheduled for later this month.

B. Presidents' Reports

- No Presidents addressed the Board.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. No members of the public were present to address the Board.

V. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

A. No items were carried forward from the Work Session.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

A. CCCS Financial and Compliance Audit Report

B. Community College of Denver Student Learning and Engagement Building – Update and Contract Approval

Tamra Ward made a motion to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Jim Johnson seconded the motion, which 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) for the purpose of discussing personnel matters.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION (Tivoli Student Union – Room 740)

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

VIII. RECESS EXECUTIVE SESSION

Due to time constraints, the Board recessed the Executive Session being held at the Community College of Denver, Tivoli Student Union, at

11:45p.m. in order for the Board members to attend the Phi Theta Kappa All Colorado Academic Team luncheon and recognition program being held at the Grand Hyatt, Denver at 12:00noon.

IX. RECONVENE EXECUTIVE SESSION

Following the Phi Theta Kappa All Colorado Academic Team recognition program, the members of the Board reconvened the Executive Session at 1:30p.m. in the La Plata Peak Room of the Grand Hyatt, Denver.

Tamra Ward made a motion to move out of Executive Session. Ruth Ann Woods seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to bring before the Board, Ruth Ann Woods made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:47p.m. The motion was seconded by Meg Porfido and passed unanimously.