

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

March 8, 2006

**Community College of Denver
Tivoli Student Union, Rm 320**

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 8:40 AM.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tamra Ward, Chair, Stephen Chapman, Wanda Cousar, Patty Erjavec, Jennifer Hopkins, Barbara McKellar, Pres Montoya, Ralph Nagel, David Taylor, Gayle Krzemien, Nathan Overholt

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

As provided for in CRS 24-6-402 (3)(a)(II) to discuss legal issues.

Adjourned to executive session at 8:45 AM and reconvened in regular session at 10:35 AM.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Steve Chapman moved to approve the agenda as presented.

VOTE: Pres Montoya seconded the motion. There being no opposition, the motion carried.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Barbara McKellar moved to approve the minutes of February 8, 2006, as presented.

VOTE: Jennifer Hopkins seconded the motion. There being no opposition, the motion carried.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No members of the public addressed the Board at this time.

VI. REPORTS**A. State Student Advisory Council Representative, Mr. Nathan Overholt**

SSAC is finalizing plans for their Rising Star Award luncheon which will be held at 12:00 on April 14 at Pueblo Community College in the Fortino Ballroom. All board members are cordially invited.

B. State Faculty Advisory Council Representative, Dr. Gayle Krzemien

After the February board meeting, Dr. Krzemien had meetings with Marilyn Golden as a follow-up to the unfunded enrollment report. She has disseminated information received at the Day at the Capitol event to faculty members and directed them to the legislative binders which are available on the CCCS website as a valuable resource. At their last meeting, SFAC invited faculty senate presidents to meet and discuss best practices from other colleges. The SFAC retreat will be held in LaJunta on May 15-17 and SFAC hopes that board members and CCCS staff can attend.

C. System President, Dr. Nancy McCallin

1. The preliminary numbers for spring enrollment, based on the census, are down 4.6% overall. When combined with fall and spring, the numbers are down 4.7%. Only Morgan Community College and Pueblo Community College show any increase. However, there are some encouraging signs such as increases when comparing this spring to last spring.
2. CCCS is switching out some funding on the stipend into the fee for service so that we are held harmless which the Joint Budget Committee (JBC) has approved.
3. John Boyd starts his tenure as President at Colorado Northwestern Community College on March 13. Nancy McCallin, Tamra Ward, Barbara McKellar and Cliff Richardson will be traveling to CNCC on March 14 and any other board members interested in going are invited.
4. The presidential search at Northeastern Junior College (NJC) is under way with 36 applicants. We are currently putting together the screening committee and would like to have two board members on that committee.
5. Regarding financial aid, CCHE is proposing changing the current methods. The two models under consideration are "stipend plus" models where a

certain dollar amount is added on top of the stipend amount for Pell eligible students or the students that are 150% Pell eligible. The goal is to provide some certainty so that a student knows how much aid they will get. One of the concerns is that the apparent favorite proposal calls for a differential financial aid amount for community colleges versus 4-year colleges. The concern is that the differential may steer students away from community colleges. CCHE's analysis indicates that CCCS students would realize a decrease of 22% in financial aid over the current system. While we realize there is some merit to having certainty in the process, and we are not advocating that we leave the current system unchanged, we are very concerned over the impact to our students. CCCS will be working with CCHE on this in the upcoming months.

6. CCCS is pursuing receiving some federal funds for several projects throughout the state including the Pierre Auger project, medical technician programs, and nursing programs.

D. AHEC Board Report, Mr. Steve Chapman

The process of the sale of the Dravo and the Lawrence Street Center is moving forward. It is going to the legislature and then to the governor without anticipating any problems. The sale price of \$36.5 million includes provision for the proceeds to come back to the Auraria Foundation which has only one outstanding obligation of \$700,000. The process of how to best use the funds is moving forward with the Auraria executives. The CU Board of Regents has approved the sale and Mr. Chapman proposed that the SBCCOE Board endorse the sale.

Tamra Ward has received a call from the CU regents suggesting a joint meeting with SBCCOE, the CU regents and the Metro State Board to discuss a plan and broader vision for the Auraria campus.

MOTION: Pres Montoya moved to endorse the sale of the two buildings.

VOTE: Wanda Cousar seconded the motion. There being no opposition, the motion carried.

E. Board Chair Comments

Tamra Ward presented a Resolution to Bob Rizzuto in appreciation of his tenure as President of Colorado Northwestern Community College. Ms. Ward expressed that it has been a privilege and an honor, and she hopes Mr. Rizzuto will continue working with CCCS in some capacity. .

VII. PRESIDENTS' COMMENTS

A. Outstanding Program, Morgan Community College

Michele Haney introduced Dr. Merle Rhoades who celebrates 32 years with Morgan Community College in many capacities. Dr. Rhoades considers himself a non traditional teacher working one on one with people planning to start a small business. He also refers current business owners to Agribusiness programs at MCC as well as Small Business Management programs at Northeastern Junior College.

B. Outstanding Faculty, Community College of Denver

Christine Johnson introduced Taddese Addo who is their Outstanding Faculty as well as Teacher of the Year. Mr. Addo was not able to attend as he was teaching. Ms. Johnson also introduced a new faculty member, Dr. Wei Zhou , a native of China, who is onboard to help develop all of the engineering and high tech programs at CCD.

C. There were no additional comments from the system college presidents.

VIII. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

A. Legislative Update, Jason Hopfer

1. The Joint Budget Committee has considered the budget figure setting and unfunded enrollment and other issues in the 05-06 supplementals. The JBC added \$25 million for unfunded enrollment under the agreement that approximately \$9 million will come to community colleges through the fee for service contracts. These funds are base building. In the figure setting, they took off the hold harmless supplemental and did not accept our access initiative. Additionally, they only raised the stipend to \$2500 rather than \$2580 that was requested by CCHE. The stipend amount is still a work in progress with JBC. Nancy McCallin noted that the revenue forecasts are coming in ahead of the last forecast so it is likely that the forecasts will be raised higher.
2. SB 144 which provides health benefits to part time faculty - we are working to make it a study to see what the real problems are. Sen. Tupa's current plan would allow adjunct faculty to buy in to the CCCS insurance pool. The concern is whether our insurance carrier would allow that and also what impact that would have on rates for the entire pool.
3. SB 167 regarding suicide in higher education - has been turned into a pilot project and is not currently mandatory.

4. HB 1358 regarding 5th year programs – has been introduced and there are a few issues on allowing 9th and 10th graders into the program. At this point we are supporting the bill and it is moving forward.
5. CNCC's bill regarding extending the mill levy is on the consent agenda and should be heard next week.
6. Regarding the Surplus Property Bill, we have worked out an agreement with the Governor's office, the Department of Corrections, and other interested parties that would allow for a waiver by campus of property that is unique to higher education. The waiver would include property on Lowry left over by the Air Force. This has gone through the House and is awaiting hearing in the Senate.

B. Strategic Plan, Kristin Corash

This agenda item was tabled to the April 12 meeting

C. Demographic Data, Kristin Corash

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IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:19 AM