

STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

April 12, 2006

Arapahoe Community College
University Center at Chaparral, Rm 104

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM.

II. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

As provided for under CRS 24-6-402 (3)(a)(II) to discuss legal issues and under CRS 24-6-402 (3)(b)(I) to discuss personnel issues.

The executive session convened at 11:02 AM on motion by Barbara McKellar and second by Stephen Chapman.

The regular session re-convened at 1:02 PM.

III. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

- A. Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting of March 8, 2006
- B. Approval of Agenda

David Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Wanda Cousar seconded the motion which carried with no opposition.

A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented which was seconded. There being no opposition, the motion carried.

IV. **REPORTS**

A. **Board Reports**

Student Representative, Nathan Overholt

The next SSAC meeting will be held this week in conjunction with the rising star luncheon. Elections should be held at that time.

Faculty Representative, Gayle Krzemien

Gayle was re-elected at the last SFAC meeting. The May retreat is being held at Otero Junior College. CCCS staff is invited to attend on May 16 and Board members are invited for May 17. Please let Gayle know if you would like to attend. SFAC would like board input on ways in which they can help further the business of the board and system.

System President, Nancy McCallin

Nancy McCallin first introduced John Boyd, the new president at Colorado Northwestern Community College. She also reminded board members about the campus visit to MCC and NJC on April 21st.

Enrollment: CCHE will be publishing the fall 2005 enrollments. Dr. McCallin provided preliminary data which will be edited in the final report. She noted that this data does not include students in several areas including PSEO, remedial students, and vocational students. Total enrollment is down 6% overall with resident enrollment down 5% and non-resident enrollment down 20%. These decreases are larger than at 4 year institutions. The decreases are due in part to the improving economy, tuition increase, and the growing pains of College Opportunity Fund. Also, many students waited to enroll to see what the impact of Ref C would be. Student FTE is down as well, although at a slower pace, indicating that students are carrying a heavier load than in the year previous. There was a 20% drop in non-resident enrollment. CCCS will bring forward a different proposal to carve out lower tuition rates for non-residents at rural schools. The drop is due in part to the interaction of the COF implementation with the WUE policy, causing tuition rates to jump 150%. Discussions are taking place with CCHE to adjust the policy.

Health care benefits: CCCS has not had an adjustment in the employer share of CCCS's employee health care benefits for the past four years. The allowance has stayed at \$300 per month during that period. This has become a significant issue in finding qualified faculty, employees and administrators. This is particularly the case with families who would have to pay \$700-800 per month out of pocket.

Anthem Blue Cross's rates would have gone up 14% had we not made minor adjustments to the plan to hold to an 11.5% increase. Because Kaiser had given a low bid for the current year, its premiums will go up 18% for next year even after minor adjustments to the plan. The Benefit Advisory Committee proposed an increase in the benefit contribution and to move to a two-tiered benefit contribution. Dr. McCallin noted that because the colleges will not have to contribute as much to the ERP project next year, the difference between the two years' contributions is a source of funds to put into employee benefits. Currently, CCCS pays only 29% of the rate of an employee plus family while the marketplace pays 67%. If we do nothing, we will be falling further and further behind with respect to the marketplace. Also, CCCS doesn't compare favorably with the classified system in which the employer contribution is \$567 for an employee plus family. CCCS has settled on a two-tiered approach with a single employee category and a family category. We would like to stay at the same contribution level for the employee only premium, as that is on a par with the marketplace, and increase the contribution to the family premium.

State Higher Education Finance Study done by SHEEO: The study states that Colorado had the largest drop in appropriations per FTE in the nation in this century. And Colorado is also the 3rd highest in the nation in the share of budget coming from tuition.

San Juan Basin Technical College has approached CCCS to become a community college within our system. We believe that the issues needs further study. Rep. Mark Larson wants to run a bill for a study on the two-year college missions on the western slope with CCHE running the study. CCCS was very frank with SJBTC about possible hurdles and pointed out that the K-12 funds SJBTC currently receives would no longer automatically be forthcoming. It was noted that Ft. Lewis College has a two-year

mission which they do not plan to exercise. The timeline would be 5-6 years to demonstrate population base and critical mass of enrollment and to gain accreditation.

AHEC Committee, Steve Chapman

There were no new developments.

Audit Committee, Patty Erjavec

The Audit Committee is very much in tune with the objectives laid out by KPMG during the work session. They have had some discussion about having the internal audit department become independent and report directly to the board, but the committee has not made a decision on that issue.

B. Presidents' Reports

Outstanding Program, NJC

Judy Giacomini introduced Kent Wright, Coordinator and Professor of Auto Technology. Auto technology is a longstanding CTE program which has been in place over 40 years and continues to move forward in a positive fashion. Mr. Wright graduated from the program and has been an instructor since 1984. The program is NATEF certified and teaches to a national standard. They are experiencing a growth for student placement and have started a new program in the diesel area as well. They enjoy support from businesses such as NAPA. Their program was one of the top 5 programs in the nation honored at the AIP convention in Kansas City.

Outstanding Faculty, RRCC

Cliff Richardson introduced Eva Graziano, director of the police academy program. She came to RRCC from the state patrol and is 1 of only 16 officers in the world who has certification for pressure point control tactics. She has been a part time adjunct faculty member since 1992. After 9-11, Ms. Graziano saw a dramatic impact on emergency services and the need for qualified people. She sees the training students receive at RRCC as a strong foundation. She is forging ties with community agencies and has started an e-mail alumni news and notes program to help transition students from the academy into careers.

Outstanding Student, ACC

Bert Glandon introduced Simon Maghakyan. He is originally from Armenia and counts English as his third language after Armenian and Russian. He represented Colorado at the Phi Theta Kappa national conference. He organizes numerous activities for students on campus and aspires to teach. Additionally, Mr. Maghakyan is an All American Academic USA Today scholar. He appreciates the support of all faculty and students at ACC.

Presidents wishing to address the Board

Joe Garcia, President of Pikes Peak Community College, spoke in response to the strategic plan report. He asks that the Board and CCCS staff think about the statistics as we go forward and the way the numbers are represented or counted. For example, students who move on to private colleges or colleges outside Colorado may not be counted. In another example, regarding graduation rates, certificates and degrees are

counted the same. It is important to consider all aspects when considering an individual school's success.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

At the request of the Chair, Joan Johnson, Director of Capital Construction and Governing Boards for the Colorado Commission on Higher Education reported on capital funding and projects. She reported that the Capital Development Committee sent 39 projects to the Budget Committee. Two of them were facility projects and of the remaining 37 projects higher education got 19 of them. The budget committee carried a companion bill to the Long Bill to transfer \$80 million from general funds. It has passed in the House and is waiting for a third reading in the Senate. There will probably be some negotiations with the Governor's office. It should be noted that all projects will probably not get funded. However, three of CCCS's projects, at Otero, Northeastern and Lamar are on the list and will likely be funded. Additionally, the AHEC science building will probably stay on the list. There are also 57 controlled maintenance projects that will get funded.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

Tuition and Fees, Marilyn Golden

Marilyn Golden detailed the proposal seeking approval for tuition and fees increases for '06-'07. CCCS has requested an increase of up to 2.5% from the General Assembly in the event that the current year budget, mandated cost increases and the Access Initiative are not funded. Any tuition increases would go into effect for the fall 2006 term.

Two colleges have requested student activity fee increases. Front Range Community College is asking for an inflationary increase for student activity and parking maintenance. The increases have been pre-approved by the student government. Community College of Denver is also requesting an increase to the student activity fee. There is also an upcoming vote at CCD for an increase in the RTD Bus Pass fee.

Lamar Community College and Otero Junior College have both requested room and board increases. OJC is bundling the IT fee with the room and board fee.

Jennifer Hopkins noted the difference in single occupancy fees between LCC and OJC and asked if it makes sense having differing fees for schools that are so close together. David Smith (LCC) stated that the fees were based on negotiations with Sodexo and on historical data. Nancy McCallin suggested that we hold the room and board fees increases out of the vote until we get more information from Jim Rizzuto.

MOTION: David Taylor moved to approve the tuition and fees schedule which was amended by Jennifer Hopkins to include the exception of the OJC and LCC single occupancy rates pending additional investigation by the system president.

VOTE: Stephen Chapman seconded the motion. There being no opposition, the motion carried.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Advisory Council Nominations
- B. Tech Prep Grant Approvals, Brian Jenkins

There was no discussion

MOTION: Jennifer Hopkins moved to approve both consent agenda items as presented.

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

VIII. OTHER ISSUES OF CONCERN TO THE BOARD