STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION

Regular Session Minutes

February 10, 2010
2:00 PM

Community College of Aurora
16000 E Centre Tech Parkway, Aurora, CO 80011

I. CALL TO ORDER 2:09 PM
   A. Pledge of Allegiance
   B. Roll Call

Members Present: Bernadette Marquez – Chair, Tamra Ward – Vice Chair, Wanda Cousar, Maury Dobbie, Patty Erjavec, Barbara McKellar, Meg Porfido, Dr. John Trefny, Ledy Garcia-Eckstein, Dr. Todd Bergren – State Faculty Advisory Council representative

Members Absent: Mandy Beatty – State Student Advisory Council representative

II. GENERAL BUSINESS (5 min)
   A. Approval of Minutes

John Trefny made a motion to approve the minutes of December 9, 2009 and January 20, 2010 as presented. Tamra Ward seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

   B. Approval of Agenda

Bernie Marquez requested a modification to the agenda to move VI. Consent Agenda Items forward to follow II. General Business. Maury Dobbie made a motion to approve the modification to the agenda. John Trefny seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS (5 min)
   A. Ratification of Action Approving Names of NJC Golf Course and Restaurant
   B. FRCC Spending Authority for Internal Construction Projects
   C. Acceptance of Fiscal Year 08 and 09 Financial and Compliance Audit
Tamra Ward made a motion to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Wanda Cousar seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

IV. REPORTS (30 min)

A. Board Reports

- Student Representative, Mandy Beatty
  - Due to a schedule conflict, Mandy presented her report at the close of the Work Session, noting that SSAC has been working through their by-laws, making necessary changes and modifications. Once modifications have been finalized, Mandy will present to the board for their review and approval.

- Faculty Representative, Dr. Todd Bergren
  - Dr. Bergren shared information on space projects that have stemmed from the Space Grant Consortium, noting that student experiments were sent up on a weather balloon providing the opportunity for the students to learn what happens to living things when they go into space unshielded. One experiment involved EColi samples that were sent up in the weather balloon to study possible mutations, looking at pre and post DNA sequencing. The grant also provided the students and faculty advisors the opportunity to visit the Jet Propulsion Lab in California where the students presented their experiments. The Jet Propulsion Lab is a federally funded research and development center and NASA field center whose primary function is the construction and operation of robotic planetary spacecraft, though it also conducts earth-orbit and astronomy missions.
  - Speaking to the quality of education received at community colleges, Dr. Bergren shared the story of a student who received a bachelor’s degree at Oberlin and was “bragging” to fellow students on the excellent education experience received while attending the Community College of Aurora.
• System President, Dr. Nancy McCallin
  o Dr. McCallin referred to the spring year-over-year FTE comparison provided to the members of the board as a hand-carry item, noting an overall increase of 18.5%.
  o Regarding the new Desire2Learn (D2L) platform, Dr. McCallin noted that over 6,200 courses had been migrated from Blackboard to D2L, commending all involved with this huge undertaking.
  o Pueblo Community College is in the middle of an AQIP (Academic Quality Improvement Program) review. Through AQIP, an institution demonstrates it meets accreditation standards and expectations through sequences of events that align with those ongoing activities that characterize organizations striving to improve their performance. AQIP also provides colleges with an alternative process through which an already-accredited institution can maintain its accreditation from the Higher Learning Commission. Dr. McCallin is scheduled to meet with the Review Panel Thursday, February 11, 2010.
  o Pueblo Community College’s dental assistant program has been approved by the accreditation agency.
  o Southwest Colorado Community College, a division of Pueblo Community College, has been approved for accreditation through a Higher Learning Commission visit.
  o Dr. McCallin spoke about the Governor’s Strategic Planning process, noting a request from Rico Munn, Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Higher Education, seeking responses to three questions: (1) five years from now, what do you want your institution(s) to look like, (2) five years from now, what do you want the state higher education system to look like, and (3) what are the significant changes (excluding more state funding) that will make a difference in achieving 1 & 2. The response provided by CCCS was distributed to the board as a hand-carried item for their review and information. Dr. McCallin shared that board member, Meg Porfido, is serving as a member of the Higher Education Strategic Planning Committee and asked that she provide a report to the board.
• Meg shared that the first meeting of the steering committee was held on January 27. The main focus of that meeting was to understand the overall charge to the committee. Four subcommittees were identified: (1) the Pipeline subcommittee, charged with developing recommendations to complement and carry forward the work done by Colorado’s P-20 Commission, (2) the Sustainability subcommittee, charged with making recommendations related to funding for higher education in Colorado, (3) the Mission subcommittee, charged with identifying the proper role, mission and governance structure of the various components of the state’s system of higher education, and (4) the Accessibility subcommittee, charged with developing recommendations to address the accessibility of the state’s system of higher education. Meg was appointed chair of the Accessibility subcommittee and, as such, will provide regular updates to the board as the committees move forward with their respective charges. Meg closed her report noting that subcommittee reports are due by August with the full report due to the Governor by October.

B. Presidents’ Reports

• Dr. Tony Kinkel shared that Pikes Peak Community College recently received a gift from Kaiser Permanente of $280,000 for nursing scholarships. Additionally, The Classical Academy (TCA) classrooms are full.

• Dr. Karen Bleeker noted that Community College of Denver’s RN and LPN program success rates are above 75%. Additionally, CCD’s HLC reaccreditation should be approved next month.

• John Marrin shared that Lamar Community College has met all the criteria for reaccreditation through AQIP.

• Dr. Lance Bolton noted that Northeastern Junior College’s wind power program recently received a very valued donation, a nacelle, which in a wind turbine refers to the structure that houses all the generating components, including the gearbox, drive train, etc.

• Dr. John Boyd shared that Colorado Northwestern Community College will open the bidding process for their Craig campus on Friday.
Felix Lopez provided an update on Trinidad State Junior College’s energy performance contract, noting the items replaced, repaired, and/or upgraded, providing the college with a strong infrastructure for the next 30 years.

Andy Dorsey announced that the contractors for the new science building at Front Range Community College have noted that the finish date will be moved forward to August, allowing the building to open in the fall.

Dr. Michele Haney (RRCC) provided statistics from a recent article in the Community College Times, stating that one out of five doctoral students started their higher education pursuits at a community college.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS
   A. None

VI. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (10 min)
   A. Items carried forth from work session.
      • None

Tamra Ward 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 concerning personnel and legal matters. Wanda Cousar seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes section 24-6-402 (3)(a)(II) the Board held an executive session to confer with the Board’s attorney concerning legal matters.

The motion was made and seconded to come out of Executive Session. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

By motion of the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00PM.