STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION

REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

April 14, 2010

Red Rocks Community College
13300 West 6th Avenue, Lakewood, CO
Marvin Buckels Library – Room 2250

I. CALL TO ORDER 11:20AM

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Roll Call

Members Present: Bernadette Marquez – Chair, Tamra Ward, Vice Chair, Wanda Cousar, Maury Dobbie, Ledy Garcia-Eckstein, Rich Martinez, Meg Porfido, Ruth Ann Woods, Mandy Beatty – State Student Advisory Council representative, and Dr. Todd Bergren – State Faculty Advisory Council representative.

Members Absent: Dr. John Trefny

II. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Approval of Minutes

Maury Dobbie made a motion to approve the minutes of March 10, 2010 as presented. Meg Porfido seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

B. Approval of Agenda

Bernie Marquez requested a modification to the agenda to include carrying forward for discussion the adoption of the Resolution opposing the three ballot measures known as Proposition 101, Amendment 60 and Amendment 61. Tamra Ward made a motion to approve the modification to the agenda. Wanda Cousar seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
III. REPORTS

A. Board Reports

- Student Representative, Mandy Beatty
  - SSAC reviewed their year, reflecting on past challenges and accomplishments. One key area identified by the members was the annual transition; therefore, plans are underway to improve that process.
  - Other areas of discussion included the budget and the enhancement of communication among SSAC members to share and develop best practices at the student level.

- Faculty Representative, Dr. Todd Bergren
  - SFAC members received a report from a PERA representative;
  - Elections were held and Dr. Bergren was elected as the State Faculty Advisory Council representative to the SBCCOE for the year 2010-2011;
  - The members discussed ways to show faculty appreciation through inexpensive perks;
  - The members discussed the three ballot measures – Proposition 101 and Amendments 60 and 61 – supporting the board’s position on those ballot measures; and,
  - The members discussed and expressed concern regarding the additional workloads that all faculty members have taken on this year due to the increased enrollments.

Bernie Marquez extended the board’s appreciation to all faculty and staff for taking on additional responsibilities and workloads due to increased enrollments.

- System President, Nancy McCallin
  - Dr. McCallin shared that the Transfer bill (HB1208) passed the third reading in the Senate today.
  - In Dr. Trefny’s absence relative to the Audit Committee, Nancy announced that Rich Martinez will replace Patty Erjavec on the Audit Committee.
  - Dr. McCallin provided an overview of the Spring Year-Over-Year FTE Comparison, noting a total increase from spring of 2009 of 18.2% for all colleges/campuses; a resident
increase of 17.36% and a non-resident increase of 27.46%. She concluded her review by noting that CCD, Pueblo and Red Rocks had the strongest increase in enrollments at 32.61%, 23.06%, and 21.50% respectively.

- There was some public concern regarding the budget, which indicated an increase in hiring across the community colleges. Dr. McCallin shared that the increase in hiring was directly related to the increase in enrollments.

- The written reports provided to the members of the board were reviewed by Dr. McCallin.
  - In reviewing the report on need-based financial aid, it was noted that in academic year 2008-2009, over 51,000 students attending a CCCS college received some sort of financial aid. These students received nearly $81 million in need-based aid, exclusive of loans. Of the $81 million, nearly $54 million was from Pell Grant funds. 64% of our resident students applied for federal financial aid. Of that number, 39.5% were eligible to receive the Pell Grant and 34% actually received Pell funds.
  - A review of the report relative to wage outcomes for CCCS students shows, through studies, that a community college education leads to positive economic gains, especially in the health care fields. Analyzing wage increases pre and post community college education by the Colorado Career and Technical Education Career Clusters, the largest average wage gains, a 97% increase, were in the Health Science Cluster. The greatest wage increase was experienced by students completing the Dental Hygiene/Hygienist program – a 230% change.
  - Relative to the report on degrees awarded, it was noted that 11,091 degrees were awarded by the 13 colleges within the Colorado Community College System in 149 different program areas. While openings are projected for occupations within all 16 clusters, openings within law, public safety, corrections and security are expected to increase at nearly a 30% rate from 2009 to 2014. Several other clusters are expected to experience a greater than 20% increase during the same period of time.
Dr. McCallin reviewed the outcome of the board members’ ranking results of CCCS’s strategic plan goals, noting that the intent of the board members’ ranking the key areas of the strategic plan was to provide areas of focus/emphasis for the board going forward.

A summary of HR 4872, the *Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010*, provided by the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) was presented by Dr. McCallin. For community colleges, which are addressed within Title I of the bill, HR 4872 provides $2 billion for grants to support educational and career-training programs, down from the $12 billion expected. Of the $2 billion, $500 million will be allotted each year for fiscal years 2011, 12, 13, and 14. It is expected that the awards will be granted based on a competitive process. Currently under this program, institutions other than community colleges – including for-profit institutions – are also eligible for these grants. Administration and Congressional leaders have indicated that they are committed to awarding these funds primarily to two-year public institutions; however, additional legislative language will be necessary to implement a change of that nature. The Departments of Labor and Education are still determining how this program will function. Due to the competitive nature of these awards, the grant applications for CCCS colleges will be managed at the system level. Another key provision of this bill eliminates the FFEL (Federal Family Education Loan) program, and requires all federal student loans to originate through the Direct Loan program, effective July 1, 2010.

Northeastern Junior College’s business plan for the Plainsman Grill and Northeastern 18 Golf Course was distributed for the board’s review. Any questions or comments may be directed to Dr. McCallin or Dr. Lance Bolton, NJC President.

B. Presidents’ Reports

Dr. Michele Haney, on behalf of Red Rocks Community College, extended her appreciation to the board and acknowledged the many RRCC staff members who made today’s meeting possible. Dr. Haney noted that RRCC is celebrating its 40th year with a historical display located on the bridge connecting the east and west buildings. She also shared that RRCC is hosting the
SkillsUSA competition tomorrow, April 15, and a 9News Health Fair Saturday, April 17.

- Dr. John Boyd shared that the goal of the CNCC Foundation’s three-year fundraising campaign was $8.3 million. At the close of Saturday evening’s Victory Celebration, they had raised a total of $8.5 million.
- Andy Dorsey shared that FRCC’s Clean Energy Technology program will start with 72 students this coming semester. He also shared that this year’s commencement ceremony will honor the first student to receive a diploma through the Gateway to College Program.

Ruth Ann Woods commended Felix Lopez, TSJC’s Interim President, for opening the 3rd year Gunsmithing Program at Trinidad State Junior College.

Bernie Marquez shared her thoughts on the Classified-of-the-Year Recognition Luncheon held at CCCS – Lowry Tuesday, April 13. She commended all honorees and spoke to their hard work and dedication to their respective institutions.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS
None

V. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS
The adoption of the Resolution opposing the three ballot measures known as Proposition 101, Amendment 60 and Amendment 61.

Bernie Marquez opened the discussion to the members of the board. Meg Porfido asked for a history of the board’s actions relative to similar endorsements. Dr. McCallin shared that the board’s adoption or endorsement is reserved for issues that greatly impact community colleges, such as Amendment 50.

There being no further discussion, Tamra Ward made a motion to adopt the resolution opposing the three ballot measures known as Proposition 101, Amendment 60 and Amendment 61. Ledy Garcia-Eckstein seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

A Statement of Resolution will be signed by Bernie Marquez, SBCCOE Chair, reflecting the position of the SBCCOE and will be submitted to Richard Reiter, Coloradans For Responsible Reform.
VI. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS
A. Revisions to BP9-42 Credit for Prior Learning
B. Request for Increase Credit Hours in RRCC Physician Assistant Program
C. Fiscal Year 2010 – 2011 Tuition and Fees
D. Pikes Peak Community College, Centennial Campus, Climax Building (old Student Center) Renovation and Vestibule Addition, Conferencing and Multipurpose Center

Rich Martinez made a motion to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Ruth Ann Woods seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to bring before the board, Tamra Ward made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:00n. Ledy Garcia-Eckstein seconded and the motion passed unanimously.