STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION

REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

May 11, 2011

Colorado Community College System – Lowry
9101 E Lowry Blvd., Denver, CO 80230
Board Room - 2nd Floor

I. CALL TO ORDER (10:58 a.m.)

A. Pledge of Allegiance
B. Roll Call

Members Present: Bernadette Marquez, Chair, Maury Dobbie, Vice Chair, Ledy Garcia-Eckstein, Rich Martinez, Meg Porfido, Ken Weil, and Andy Bartlett, State Student Advisory Council representative.

Members Absent: Jim Johnson, Dr. John Trefny, Ruth Ann Woods, Dr. Todd Bergren, State Faculty Advisory Council representative.

II. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Approval of Minutes
   - Regular Meeting of April 13, 2011
   - Retreat of April 13, 2011

Meg Porfido made a motion to approve the Regular meeting minutes and the Retreat minutes of April 13, 2011, as presented. Rich Martinez seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

B. Approval of Agenda

Bernie Marquez requested revisions to the agenda asking to separate out the modifications to BP 3-60, retaining as Consent Agenda VI.D. the modification relative to the conversion of sixteen hours of sick leave designated as leave for personal reasons ... and moving the modification relative to annual leave payout to section V.D. Discussion and Action Items. Additionally, Ms.
Marquez requested an addition to section V.D. Discussion and Action Items, Implementation of a performance-based 2.5% salary increase for exempt employees including faculty and a five-year plan to close the gap between CCCS average salaries and national average salaries, which will be evaluated and reviewed on an annual basis. Also requested was an addition to section VI. Consent Agenda Items, Item G, Arapahoe Community College’s Information Technology Department Relocation. Finally, an Executive Session will be added following the conclusion of the regular session of the board. Ledy Garcia-Eckstein made a motion to approve the agenda as revised. Rich Martinez seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

III. REPORTS

A. Board Reports

- Student Representative, Andy Bartlett
  - Andy shared that the students are taking final exams and preparing for graduation.
  - At the June board meeting, Andy will introduce Josh Deines, who was recently selected as the new SSAC representative to the Board.

- System President, Dr. Nancy McCallin
  - Dr. McCallin shared that at the recent Regional Community College Summit held in San Diego Andy Bartlett was asked to present the Student Affordability topic during one of the breakout sessions.
  - Dr. McCallin directed the Board’s attention to the enrollment data distributed in their hand carry folders. She noted that spring 2011 enrollment is up 7.6% with resident enrollment showing an increase of 6.9% and non-resident enrollment reflecting an increase of 15.4%. Summer enrollment is up 11.2%, though this number is expected to come in lower as it is reflective of early enrollment.
    - The question was raised as to whether the change in Pell Grant funding this summer would affect enrollment. Dr. Geri Anderson advised that all Pell eligible students have been advised of the change.
o The 2011-2012 Board meeting schedule was distributed to the members of the board. Dr. McCallin noted two additions to the schedule – a recognition of business and industry partners and a recognition of the college’s advisory councils. An electronic copy of the meeting schedule will be distributed to the board following today’s meeting.

o Two TAA Grants have been submitted – the Colorado $17 million energy grant was submitted last month and is a consortium of all 15 community colleges and the CDLE. The Western Regional $45 million healthcare grant was also successfully submitted. The healthcare grant is a partnership of community colleges from ten states: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Washington, Wyoming, WICHE and CIC. Dr. McCallin acknowledged Dr. Geri Anderson and her staff for their work on these grants, noting the huge collaborative effort. If funded, the grant would be a substantial boost to our healthcare, energy and developmental education programs.

o CCCS, in partnership with the Colorado Coalition for Gender and IT (Information Technology), recently received a grant from the National Science Foundation to aid community colleges in the recruitment and retention of women in computer science and information technology pathways.

o The Pikes Peak Community College presidential search committee has forwarded three candidates to Dr. McCallin for her consideration. They are Dr. Ann Valentine, currently president of Minnesota State Community and Technical College in Fergus Falls, Minnesota; Dr. Lance Bolton, currently president of Northeastern Junior College; and Dr. Christine Chairsell, currently District Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs at Portland Community College in Portland, Oregon. Dr. McCallin is waiting to receive and review the feedback forms from the recently held community, faculty, staff and student forums.

o Through a program entitled Tax Help Colorado, student volunteers (aspiring tax professionals) from seven Colorado community colleges helped return $6 million to the pockets of Coloradans. The Piton Foundation sponsored
program provides free income tax return preparation to low and moderate income working families via nine program locations throughout Colorado.

- On Friday, May 6, the CCHE approved all of our degrees with designation. We will now be able to offer AA degrees with designations in engineering, business, economics, math, Spanish, psychology (Science and Arts), and history. Also, Dr. McCallin was asked to participate in a press conference with Lieutenant Governor Joe Garcia, where seven statewide articulation agreements were signed.

- Dr. McCallin directed the board to the May 4, 2011 letter to Arne Duncan, US Department of Education Secretary, from Governor Hickenlooper requesting that CCCS co-host a mini-summit in Colorado that would focus on collaboration among leaders to design and implement effective policy and practices allowing Colorado community colleges to succeed in their commitment to improving completion rates while maintaining broad access.

- Dr. McCallin recognized the success of the April 16 Rising Star Luncheon held at Arapahoe Community College noting that it was a “full house!”

- The members of the board have been provided the opportunity to recycle their board book binders and any past materials they no longer wish to maintain. They can bring old binders and materials for recycling as well as leave their current binders and materials at the close of each meeting.

- In closing, Dr. McCallin directed the attention of the board to the Written Report on student loan default rates prepared by Dr. Geri Anderson. It was noted that colleges with high cohort default rates can lose eligibility for federal student aid programs. Therefore, financial aid administrators are implementing strategies to ensure borrowers have the information needed to make prudent borrowing decisions and successfully repay their loans.

B. Audit Committee Report, Rich Martinez

- Rich noted that the Audit Committee has not met since his last report to the board. He shared that he and Charla Hollowell,
CCCS Auditor, have been in conversation regarding an RFP for an Information Technology security audit.

C. Presidents’ Reports
- Dr. Diana Doyle announced that Arapahoe Community College’s Automotive Technology Program has been recognized as the #1 Auto Tech program in the nation. A celebratory event will be held next Wednesday, May 18, to recognize this achievement.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS
A. No members of the public addressed the board.

V. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS
A. Election of Board Officers
- Bernie Marquez presented the following nominees for the position of Chair and Vice Chair
  - Maury Dobbie for Chair, 2011 - 2012
  - Dr. John Trefny for Vice Chair, 2011 – 2012

There being no discussion regarding the nominees, Rich Martinez made a motion to approve the slate of officers as presented. Meg Porfido seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

B. Notice of Change in Board By-Laws
- Dr. McCallin provided an overview of the change to the board by-laws, noting that notice of change has to be given at the Board meeting preceding the actual change; therefore, the modification to the by-laws will be presented to the board at the June meeting for their approval.

C. Recognition of Bernadette Marquez, Chair

Maury Dobbie read into the minutes the Resolution presented to Bernie Marquez, outgoing board chair, for her years of service to the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education (SBCCOE), noting that Ms. Marquez joined the board in April 2007 and served as board chair from 2009 to 2011.

Maury acknowledged Ms. Marquez’s deep commitment to the students of CCCS, noting that Ms. Marquez has visited all of the community colleges
during her tenure on the board. She further acknowledged Ms. Marquez’s advocacy with policy makers on issues of importance to community college students; her leadership on critical issues such as the transfer legislation, the negotiation of the sale of the Trinidad State Nursing Home, and the negotiations with the Air Force regarding the Lowry property.

Ms. Marquez expressed what her service on the SBCCOE board means to her, sharing that it is an educational and uplifting experience.

D. Items carried forth from the Work Session
• Implementation of a performance-based 2.5% salary increase for exempt employees including faculty and a five-year plan to close the gap between CCCS average salaries and national average salaries, which will be evaluated and reviewed on an annual basis.

Bernie Marquez made a motion to implement a performance-based salary increase of 2.5% for exempt employees including faculty with a plan to close the salary gap, which will be evaluated and reviewed on an annual basis. Maury Dobbie seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

• In the case of termination of employment, increase payout of accrued annual leave from 180 hours to 360 hours effective July 1, 2011.

Bernie Marquez asked for comments from the members of the board regarding the recommendation to increase the payout of accrued annual leave from 180 hours to 360 hours effective July 1, 2011. Discussion ensued.

Maury Dobbie made a motion to approve the modification to BP 3-60, increasing the payout of accrued annual leave from 180 hours to 360 hours effective July 1, 2011. Rich Martinez seconded the motion. The motion passed with one “no” vote. Board members Bernie Marquez, Maury Dobbie, Ledy Garcia-Eckstein, Rich Martinez and Meg Porfido voted “yes”. Board member, Ken Weil, voted “no”.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS
F. Student Ballot Fee Initiative at Community College of Denver and Auraria Campus.

G. Lamar Community College Energy Retro Fit.

H. Modifications to BP 3-60 and Adoption of New BP 4-24.
   - Revision of Consent Agenda Item, Modifications to BP 3-60, relative to the conversion of 16 hours of sick leave designated as leave for personal reasons.

I. Advisory Council Nominee: Trinidad State Junior College
   - Thomas Scarlett for appointment to a full term commencing June 1, 2011.

J. Advisory Council Nominee: Pikes Peak Community College
   - Becky Medved for appointment to a full term commencing June 1, 2011.

Meg Porfido made a motion to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Rich Martinez seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Maury Dobbie made a motion to move into Executive Session pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes sections 24-6-402(3)(a)(II) and 24-6-402(3)(a)(I) to confer with the Board’s attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice and to discuss the purchase of property for public purposes or the sale of property at competitive bidding.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board held an 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)(a)(I) to discuss the purchase of property for public purposes or the sale of property at competitive bidding.

Ledy Garcia-Eckstein made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Rich Martinez seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to bring before the board, Meg Porfido made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:11pm. Ken Weil seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.