STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION

MEETING MINUTES
August 8, 2012

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

I. CALL TO ORDER (9:45am)

A. Pledge of Allegiance
B. Roll Call

Members Present: Dr. John Trefny, Chair, Rich Martinez, Vice Chair, Bernadette Marquez, Theresa Peña, Ken Weil, Meg Porfido (via phone), and Ryan Manzanares, State Student Advisory Council representative.

Members Absent: Maury Dobbie, Jim Johnson, and Stephanie Irwin, State Faculty Advisory Council representative.

II. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Approval of Minutes
   - Regular Meeting of June 13, 2012

Rich Martinez made a motion to approve the minutes of June 13, 2012, as presented. Ken Weil seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

B. Approval of Agenda

Bernadette Marquez made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Ken Weil seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
III. REPORTS

A. Board Reports

- **Student Representative, Ryan Manzanares**
  - Ms. Manzanares noted that SSAC is currently on summer break. Elections will be held when the students return to campus this fall and goals for the upcoming year will be discussed/established.

- **Faculty Representative, Stephanie Irwin**
  - No report due to Ms. Irwin’s absence.

- **System President, Dr. Nancy McCallin**
  - Dr. McCallin recognized Barbara McDonnell, noting that though Ms. McDonnell has retired, she has agreed to return in her capacity as General Counsel until her replacement is in place.
  - Dr. McCallin announced that Ms. Nancy Wahl, currently with the Attorney General’s office, has been hired as Ms. McDonnell’s replacement as General Counsel effective October 1, 2012. Dr. McCallin noted that a copy of Ms. Wahl’s resume was in the board’s hand carry folder for their review.
  - Enrollment for fall is down 5.2%, which reflects one of the larger college’s recent purge of accounts for non-payment. Those losses will be recovered moving forward with a planned loss of approximately 4%.
  - Five legislators will be recognized as “Legislator of the Year” during the board’s September / October campus tours. The legislators are Senators Kent Lambert (support of budget committee issues as a member of the Joint Budget Committee), Evie Hudak (general support as vice-chair of the Senate Education Committee), Jeanne Nicholson (support of dental hygiene degrees with designation bill), Angela Giron (sponsorship of the dropout recovery bill), and Representative J. Paul Brown (controlled maintenance funding).
  - The impact of the Health Care Reform will affect the System relative to health benefits for adjunct faculty. For those adjunct faculty members that teach 12 credit hours or more, the System will be providing health care benefits with an estimated annual cost of between $5 – 6 million.
Proposed board policies are being developed and will be presented to the board for review by January 2013.

- On the Federal level:
  - A one-year temporary extension of the Stafford Loan rate will maintain the current interest rate at 3.4% rather than the proposed increase to 6.8%.
  - Pell grant levels were increased by $85.00 to $5,635; all other federal financial aid programs were held flat. The Senate version of the bill was helpful to community colleges in that it included a partial restoration of Pell Grant funding for students without a high school diploma or GED credential who are enrolled in specific types of programs.
  - Relative to State Authorization requiring an institution to receive authorization from states in which they operate, the courts have twice vacated the Department of Education’s regulation. The Department of Education is not going to enforce state authorization but has stated that institutions must be in compliance with state laws in those states where they operate. To that end, the system will continue to move forward obtaining approvals and/or exemptions in the states in which the colleges are operating or wish to operate.
  - Regarding Gainful Employment, a recent ruling vacated elements of the gainful employment rule.

- Dr. McCallin directed the board’s attention to the CCHE’s letter and the Board’s Performance Measure Committee’s response to the request for feedback on the CCHE’s proposed performance measure metrics included in their hand carry folders. Dr. McCallin will share the draft report from CCHE with the members of the board, once received. CCHE is to submit their final report to the General Assembly in late September.

- Ken Weil opened a discussion regarding the decline in enrollment numbers, specifically the steps being taken by the presidents in light of the possible reduction in revenue. Discussion ensued with the presidents sharing their plans and programs to compensate for the possible deficit.

- In regard to federal legislation, specifically the Pell Grant, Theresa Peña opened a discussion as to its impact on the
students. Discussion ensued relative to the most impacted colleges; programs and plans in place to assist students, i.e. GED prep programs. Discussion also took place regarding developmental education courses.

- Audit Committee Report, Dr. John Trefny
  - Dr. Trefny noted that the Audit Committee met July 18. Discussion ensued relative to hotline issues and self-reporting issues. Dr. Trefny shared that CTE audits are on track; an investigative handbook regarding fraud detection and protection is being developed; and, the two open positions within CCCS’s internal audit department have been filled.

- Performance Measures Committee, Jim Johnson
  - No report due to Mr. Johnson’s absence.

B. Presidents’ Reports

- Dr. Kerry Hart, MCC President, shared that MCC is the only college in Colorado to receive recognition from the Chronicle of Higher Education as a 2012 “Great College to Work For.” Also, MCC is one of only three colleges in the Rocky Mountain Region to receive this honor. The other two colleges are in Arizona and Utah.
- Dr. Michele Haney, RRCC President, announced that the college’s AQIP accreditation results were 100%.
- John Marrin, LCC President, acknowledge the support and collaboration the college has received from the system office staff in developing Lamar’s IT Academy.
- Dr. Chuck Bohlen, TSJC Interim President, again expressed his thanks for appointing him to the interim president position at TSJC.
- Andy Dorsey, FRCC President, directed the attention of the board to consent agenda item VI.C, FRCC’s H-1B Visa Technical Skills Job Training Grant, sharing that the college, through its Corporate Solutions Department, will work with industry and business partners: IBM, Longmont United, Banner Health, Columbine Health Systems, Markit On Demand, the Larimer County Workforce Center and Workforce Boulder County, to
provide just-in-time information technology and health care training.

- Dr. Diana Doyle, ACC President, shared information on the Affordable Art Show, a community event to be held Sunday, August 26, on the ACC campus. Over 120 vendors will have all forms of art for sale at $100 or less. An admission fee of $5.00 is being charged, which will go towards student scholarships.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS
A. No public comments.

V. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS
A. No agenda items were carried forward from the work session.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS
A. Five-Year Capital Construction Plans and Capital Request Priorities for FY 2013-2014
B. Community College of Denver: South Classroom Renovation - Contract Amendment with OZ Architecture
C. Front Range Community College: H-1B Visa Technical Skills Job Training Grant - IBM Partner Agreement
D. Advisory Council Nominee: Trinidad State Junior College
   • Richard Compton for a full term commencing September 1, 2012

Bernadette Marquez made a motion to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Theresa Peña seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Rich Martinez made a motion to move into executive session pursuant to Colorado Revised Statute sections 24-6-204(3)(a)(II), 24-6-402(3)(a)(I), and section 24-6-403(3)(b)(I) to confer with the Board’s attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice, to discuss the purchase of property for public purposes or the sale of property at competitive bidding and to discuss personnel matters. Theresa Peña seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board held an executive session pursuant to Colorado Revised Statute sections 24-6-204(3)(a)(II), 24-6-402(3)(a)(I), and section 24-6-403(3)(b)(I) to confer with the Board’s attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice, to discuss the purchase of property for public purposes or the sale of property at competitive bidding and to discuss personnel matters.

Bernadette Marquez made a motion to move out of Executive Session. Rich Martinez seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to bring before the board, Bernadette Marquez made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:26 a.m. The motion was seconded by Theresa Peña and passed unanimously.