STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND 
OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION 

MEETING MINUTES 

March 14, 2012 

Community College of Denver 
St. Cajetan’s Center on the Auraria Campus 
1190 9th Street, Denver, CO 

I. CALL TO ORDER (10:10am)  
A. Pledge of Allegiance  
B. Roll Call  

Members Present: Maury Dobbie, Chair, Dr. John Trefny, Vice Chair, Ledy Garcia-Eckstein, Jim Johnson, Rich Martinez, Ruth Ann Woods and Stephanie Irwin, State Faculty Advisory Council representative. 

Members Absent: Bernadette Marquez, Meg Porfido, Ken Weil, and Josh Deines, State Student Advisory Council representative. 

II. GENERAL BUSINESS  
A. Approval of Minutes  
   - Regular Meeting of February 8, 2012  

Rich Martinez made a motion to approve the minutes of February 8, 2012, as presented. Dr. John Trefny seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.  

B. Approval of Agenda  

Ruth Ann Woods made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Jim Johnson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
III. REPORTS

A. Board Reports

- Student Representative, Josh Deines
  - Due to Josh’s absence, there is no SSAC report.

- Faculty Representative, Stephanie Irwin
  - Stephanie noted that it is “business as usual” with the faculty. There was no additional information to share with the Board.

- System President, Dr. Nancy McCallin
  - Dr. McCallin welcomed and introduced Jay Lee, new Northeastern Junior College president.
  - Dr. McCallin shared that Student Board representative, Josh Deines, is not in attendance today as he has been selected to be a trainer/facilitator for the FFA National Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C. this summer and is in Washington this week for training.
  - The board members were referred to the enrollment document in their hand carry files. Dr. McCallin noted that Full Time Equivalent (FTE) is down 1.8%, with all but two colleges seeing a decrease. Resident FTE is decreasing at a greater pace, 2.8%, while non-resident FTE is up 7.3%. Overall headcount is flat, with resident headcount down 1.2%, while non-resident headcount is up 15.6%.
  - Lamar Community College received official notice of their AQIP reaccreditation through 2018-2019.
  - Dr. McCallin spoke to the grant activity report in the board members’ meeting materials, noting that CCCS has $91.1 million in grants, which is up $40.7 million from the start of the fiscal year. The largest increase was for the TAA grant of $17.3 million. CCCS will apply for the second round of the TAA grant, which will expand the Allied Health programs. We are partnering with five other states on this second TAA grant – North Dakota, South Dakota, Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming.
  - Front Range Community College will receive a $3,980,813 grant from the US Department of Labor as part of the H-1B Technical Skills Training Program. Dr. McCallin asked that Andy Dorsey expand on this later in the meeting.
Dr. McCallin shared that the Colorado Supreme Court ruled on March 5 that the University of Colorado’s ban on handguns on campus violated the Colorado Concealed Carry Act. She shared that when the Court of Appeals first came to this determination, CCCS changed its policies to be consistent with the court decision and those policies will remain in effect given the Colorado Supreme Court’s decision.

Highlights from the Degrees Awarded Report were shared by Dr. McCallin. Specifically, that 13,194 degrees and certificates were awarded in 2010-2011, an increase of 7.3%. Since 2007-2008, CCCS has seen a significant increase - 36% or 3,500 degrees and/or certificates. Of all the degrees awarded, more than half – 52% - were in the health care field.

Dr. McCallin brought the board members’ attention to a White House press release in their hand carry files, noting that the press release reflects President Obama’s proposed budget.

- President Obama’s budget included $8 billion for training workers in high-demand industries through community colleges. The specific proposal calls for the training of 2 million new workers with skills to lead directly to jobs.

- The proposal still has a long way to go through the congressional process before becoming reality. For example, in 2009, President Obama proposed $10 billion for community college grants, which was scaled back by Congress to $2 billion over 4 years. CCCS received its first grant in September 2011.

In addition to the hand carry items already referenced, Dr. McCallin noted the board members files included many articles regarding completion rates and discussions around that topic. Some of the articles speak to the belief that completion rates are not the appropriate performance measurement.

Dr. McCallin shared that a study found that one-third of all students transfer at some point in their education and the most preferred destination is to community colleges. The article regarding this study is in the hand carry file.
The members of the board received a financial aid default rate update report from Dr. Geri Anderson in their hand carry files. Dr. McCallin provided an overview of the current status of CCCS colleges, noting that those colleges approaching the threshold for sanctions are required to submit default improvement plans to CCCS before they actually cross a threshold that would require sanctions by the Department of Education. Dr. McCallin assured the Board that CCCS is aware of the importance of this issue.

The Community College of Aurora’s presidential search is underway. Dr. McCallin shared that Bernadette Marquez is the board representative on this search committee. The committee expects to determine the candidate pool for campus interviews during its meeting of March 16; campus interviews will take place April 4 – 6; and the committee will determine their final candidate recommendations to be forwarded to Dr. McCallin at their April 13 meeting. The members of the board were provided a copy of the search brochure.

Dr. McCallin shared that an economic impact study was commissioned for the System and each college through EMSI. That study will be released in May.

Dr. McCallin recently attended the 2012 Colorado State DECA Leadership Conference, which was attended by 2,700 high school students. Dr. McCallin shared information regarding the fundraising efforts of the group, which culminated in the presentation of a $32,000 check and 500 books to Tammy Cunningham, in memory of Noel Cunningham, for Project Mercy library in Ethiopia.

Dr. McCallin also attended the annual Creative Careers Festival, sponsored by CCCS, which was attended by 850 secondary students, professionals and higher education faculty in the creative fields. The festival featured hands-on workshops taught by working professionals, informational sessions about current careers in the technical arts field, and interactive critiques of student-submitted projects.

In closing, Dr. McCallin referred to the CCHE memo on statewide goals in the board members’ hand carry files. Of the five adopted goals, the fifth goal, Continue to Catalyze the State’s Economy, will be an elective goal due to the difficulty in measuring it. CCHE plans to have the master
plan completed in September 2012 and will then work with the leadership of the colleges and universities to put in place performance contracts.

- Audit Committee Report, Dr. John Trefny
  - Dr. Trefny noted that the Audit Committee has not met since the last board meeting; therefore, there is no information to report.

B. Presidents’ Reports

- Andy Dorsey, FRCC President, shared additional information on the $3.9 million grant awarded to the college. He noted that the college will use the grant for the Front Range Health and Information Technology Project, a public-private partnership with a consortium of employers including IBM, Longmont United, Banner Health, Columbine Health Systems and Markit On Demand. The consortium of employers will partner with FRCC, the Larimer County Workforce Center and Workforce Boulder County to provide high-level training to more than 3,000 workers allowing them to advance into positions currently filled by H-1B visa workers.

Andy shared that FRCC’s Early Childhood Program has been accredited by NAEYC, the National Association for the Education of Young Children. NAEYC accredits high-quality Associate Degree programs that prepare early childhood educators.

Andy reported that FRCC has received 6700 Financial Aid ISIRs (Institutional Student Information Reports) compared to 5600 last year, a direct reflection on the number of students applying for financial aid.

The college is looking at space planning needs for the Ft. Collins campus. Andy will bring more information to the board in June.

- Dr. Kerry Hart, MCC President, announced that the MCC jazz ensemble will perform live on KUFO radio, the NPR jazz station, April 4th at 7:00 p.m. as part of the NPR membership drive. New or renewing members will receive a copy of the ensemble’s jazz CD.

- Dr. Diana Doyle, ACC President, shared that ACC is the recipient of a $20,000 grant from the Denver Foundation. This grant is designated to be used for childcare stipends for low-income
student parents who have children enrolled in ACC’s Child Development Center.

Dr. Doyle also shared that ACC’s own Valerie Machovec will be recognized today at the Phi Theta Kappa All-Colorado Academic Team luncheon as the New Century Scholar, the highest ranking member of the All-Colorado Team.

- Felix Lopez, TSJC President, shared that TSJC’s STEM initiative is working with the Trinidad high school’s MESA (Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement) program. The MESA program’s mission is to increase the number of economically disadvantaged and at risk students who graduate from high school fully prepared for post secondary education in engineering, mathematics, science, computer science, business, and other math- and science-based fields.

Additionally, Onorio Franco, TSJC sophomore and a member of TSJC’s robotics team, attended the second White House Science Fair, February 7th, which celebrated student winners from a broad range of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) competitions from across the country.

- John Marrin, LCC President, shared that the campus energy audit has added twenty years life to the infrastructure of the campus.

John also shared information from his recent trip to Washington, D.C. where he represented rural colleges in Colorado as part of a contingent of Rural Community College Alliance representatives. While visiting the White House, the group had the opportunity to meet with the Secretary of Agriculture and discuss rural college issues, specifically rural healthcare – nursing programs and CNA programs; and community colleges and their impact on rural America. A full afternoon of discussions took place.

- Jay Lee, NJC President, extended his appreciation to the members of the Board and Dr. McCallin for the opportunity to serve as NJC’s new president.

- Dr. Geri Anderson, CCA’s Interim President, extended her appreciation to the members of the Board and Dr. McCallin for the opportunity to serve as CCA’s interim president while a presidential search is conducted.
Dr. Anderson shared that CCA received a Daniels Fund grant for their ESL (English as a Second Language) program. Additionally, they are working with Piton Foundation to support second-language learners and their families.

As part of the Crime Scene Investigation (CSI) program, an interdisciplinary crime scene has been established at CCA. Four different disciplines set up the crime scene, allowing CSI students to work the scene, gaining valuable hands-on experience.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Ms. Kerstin Henry, Mr. Gregory Fulghum and Mr. Terry Kenyon, representing themselves as students and adjunct instructor of the Red Rocks Community College (RRCC) fine woodworking program, shared their concerns with the Board over Mr. Robert O’Brien’s dismissal as a program instructor.

Ms. Maury Dobbie, Board Chair, thanked them for their comments and advised them that personnel matters could not be discussed in public.

V. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

A. No items carried forward from the Work Session.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

A. Revision of BP 4-20, Student Tuition and Fees/Scholarships
B. Degrees with Designation
C. Colorado Northwestern Community College – Craig Campus Housing Project
D. Expenditure Contract Approval between The Community College of Denver and Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

Dr. John Trefny made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented. Jim Johnson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to bring before the Board, Rich Martinez made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:05a.m. Ruth Ann Woods seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.