I. CALL TO ORDER (1:25pm)

   A. Pledge of Allegiance
   B. Roll Call

Members Present: Dr. John Trefny, Chair, Rich Martinez, Vice Chair, Maury Dobbie, Jim Johnson, Bernadette Marquez, Meg Porfido, Ken Weil, Stephanie Irwin, State Faculty Advisory Council representative, and Ryan Manzanares, State Student Advisory Council representative.

Members Absent: Theresa Peña

II. GENERAL BUSINESS

   A. Approval of Minutes
      - Regular Meeting of September 12, 2012

Bernadette Marquez made a motion to approve the minutes of September 12, 2012, as presented. Rich Martinez seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

   B. Approval of Agenda

Rich Martinez made a motion to amend the regular session agenda to add Consent Agenda Item VI.P, Resolution Related to HB 12-1357 Participation Agreement. Bernadette Marquez seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

III. REPORTS

   A. Board Reports
      • Student Representative, Ryan Manzanares
Ms. Manzanares provided an update on the activities currently underway and those being considered by the members of SSAC (State Student Advisory Council). SSAC activities include:

- Distributing information on health clinics to the SSAC membership for distribution at their colleges;
- Focusing on veterans and active duty military personnel services including procedures for active duty personnel to withdraw from classes and the need for awareness of veteran and active duty military personnel issues among the appropriate student support divisions on the college campuses;
- Looking at ways to support students regarding public transportation needs;
- Working on the upcoming Rising Star recognition event;
- Developing awareness of the issues surrounding defaulting on student loan defaults and taking that awareness to their campuses at the student level;
- Planning to meet with Governor Hickenlooper to discuss views on higher education; and,
- Looking forward to the annual conference in Washington, D.C. to gain a political perspective on higher education.

Dr. McCallin extended her appreciation for the SSAC representative who attends the monthly Colorado Commission on Higher Education (CCHE) meetings, noting that he recently provided her with a detailed account of their most recent meeting.

- Faculty Representative, Stephanie Irwin

Ms. Irwin shared that the State Faculty Advisory Council (SFAC) met November 2nd and received an update on faculty compensation and performance evaluations. She extended the memberships’ appreciation to Presidents Dorsey, Doyle, Haney, Erjavec, Lee and Rizzuto, as well as Cynthia Hier, CCCS HR Director, Nancy Wahl, CCCS General Counsel, and Dr. McCallin for their work on these issues. A special session of the council will be held November 30th to prepare for a presentation of this information at the December SFAC meeting.
At their November meeting, discussion took place regarding the SFAC annual retreat to be held in May. Ms. Irwin extended her appreciation to Northeastern Junior College (President Lee) and Morgan Community College (President Hart) who will host the retreat this year.

In conclusion, Ms. Irwin highlighted an SFAC representative from Morgan Community College, Jay Stretcher, who has been instructing Agriculture and Business Management for the past 11 years. She shared that he considers his classroom to cover approximately 400 square miles as he travels to his students’ farms and ranches to provide direct instruction that impacts their day-to-day environments.

- System President, Dr. Nancy McCallin

Dr. McCallin directed the board to the enrollment report in their hand carry folders. She noted that FTE enrollment is down 3.2% and headcount is down 2.2%. The trend indicates students taking fewer classes possibly due to working more hours. Non-resident enrollment is up 1.7% while resident enrollment is down 3.8%. Three colleges continue to see FTE growth: Community College of Aurora, Pikes Peak Community College and Lamar Community College.

There is good news regarding the budget. There is a $30 million increase for higher education institutions, of which $6.2 million would come to CCCS if the budget remains unchanged. Dr. McCallin directed the board to the November 1, 2012 letter to the Colorado Commission on Higher Education (CCHE) in their hand carry folders regarding a proposed allocation methodology for these funds. The proposed allocation was in consensus with all higher education institutions within the state of Colorado.

The CCHE is also submitting a separate budget request to fully fund the Colorado Opportunity Fund (COF) stipend at the 2005-2006 level, adjusted for enrollment growth and inflation - an additional $140 million to make COF whole. It is unlikely COF will be fully funded but this is illustrative of the extent to which COF is underfunded by more than 50%.

The Governor’s proposed budget funded a significant amount of controlled maintenance. It includes $45 million to fund Level 1 and Level 2 projects with $25 million of the
$45 million going to higher education. It is unknown at this time which specific CCCS projects are on the list. More information regarding projects that made the list will be available in late December.

- CCCS was honored to have President Obama hold a campaign rally on the Community College of Aurora (CCA) – Lowry campus Sunday, November 4th. His campaign paid for all facility rentals and associated expenses. Dr. McCallin extended her appreciation to Rhonda Bentz, CCCS Director of Communication, and Tami Morrissey, CCA's Executive Assistant to the President, for their assistance in facilitating this event. Appreciation was also extended to Cody Neuhold, CCCS Property Manager, Tom Wolfe, CCCS Security, and Nancy Wahl, CCCS General Counsel.

- Dr. Eric Lee has been hired as the Executive Director of CCCOnline. Dr. McCallin directed the board to Julie Ouska’s report in their board materials for more information on Dr. Lee. She shared that Dr. Lee previously worked at Suffolk University and the University of Nebraska Lincoln, with a focus on educational access. His most immediate past position was CEO of the Colorado Black Chamber of Commerce. Dr. Lee will start his new position after Thanksgiving.

- Dr. McCallin extended her appreciation to the board members who toured the colleges during September and October, noting their extensive time commitment. The board spent eight days touring the colleges and saw some of the amazing work being done on the campuses. Some of the programs highlighted throughout the tours included dental hygiene, veterinary technician, film school, CSI (crime scene investigation), student success, student leadership, nursing, agriculture, diesel mechanic, collision repair, fine woodworking, as well as the partnership between St. Mary Corwin and Pueblo Community College and the partnership between Fort Carson and Pikes Peak Community College.

- Numerous hours have been spent on the performance contract by the board’s performance measures subcommittee and the Colorado Department of Higher Education (CDHE).

- Dr. McCallin and Shelley Thompson, CCCS Foundation Executive Director, have spent time meeting with various foundations. Dr. McCallin announced to the board that the
CCCS Foundation recently received a $100,000 endowment for scholarship funds.

- Dr. McCallin provided an overview of what the results of the recent presidential election might mean for higher education. She noted the following:
  - The fiscal cliff involves the expiration of tax cuts as well as automatic sequestration of across the board 8.2% cuts in non-exempted domestic discretionary programs totaling $1 trillion. Pell is exempt for the first year of these cuts but programs such as Perkins (CTE), WIA, TRIO, Hispanic-serving institution grants, and Gear Up will all be affected if there is no budget change.
  - The American Opportunity Tax Credit will also expire at the end of this year and is something that many of our students use. This is a refundable tax credit for undergraduate college education expenses providing up to $2,500 in tax credits on the first $4,000 in qualifying educational expenses. Up to $1,000 of the credit is refundable, which means that even students who did not pay federal taxes could receive up to $1,000 to offset education expenses.
  - With the election results, a couple of policy trends are likely to continue. President Obama has historically expanded student aid (Pell) and expanded regulations. There have been significant increases in the Pell amount the past 4 years and that commitment to Pell is likely to continue albeit amid increased budgetary pressure.
  - With the public concern over increased student debt and the increased cost of college, President Obama declared a goal of reducing by half the rate of tuition growth over the next decade. There is no specific proposal at this time as to his plans to accomplish this goal.
  - In offering policies to speed up the economic recovery, the president put in place the $2 billion TAACCCT (Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training) grant program of which CCCS received $31 million in grants. This is a 4-year program with two more installments of competitive
grants to be awarded. With the election of President Obama, this funding is likely to continue.

- Expect continuation of increased regulations in areas such as gainful employment, state authorization, and definition of a credit hour.
  - Dr. McCallin shared information from a recent Pew Research Center study using census data that indicates a number of Americans completing high school, going on to college, and finishing college. This is the first time ever that 1/3 of the nation’s 25 to 29 year olds have earned a bachelor’s degree. In the early 1970s, that share was 20%. Also, the share of high school graduates in that same age group is up 90%, up from 78% in 1971 and 63% have completed some college work, up from 34% in 1971.

- Audit Committee Report, Dr. John Trefny
  - Dr. Trefny informed the board that two audit meetings have been held since the last board meeting. One was a meeting with the KPMG auditors, at which the KPMG auditors revealed that their preliminary report indicates a good outcome. The other was the regular meeting of the audit committee. During the regular meeting the committee discussed hotline calls and issues, the internal audit department’s completion of all CTA audits, the CTE credentialing study, and the progress of the Banner security audit. Internal Audit is updating their CTA schedule and will begin reviewing P-cards and grants.

- Performance Measures Committee Report, Jim Johnson
  - Mr. Johnson reported that the performance measures committee continues to meet. He referenced the proposed matrix letter which was submitted to the CCHE noting that the performance contracts should be finalized by the end of the year.

B. Presidents’ Reports

- Mr. Andy Dorsey, President of Front Range Community College, introduced his guest, Laura Rutz, FRCC’s Student Government Association President, who attended today’s board meeting to gain a better understanding of the board’s role within the system. Mr. Dorsey also shared information on a piece of clean energy equipment purchased through the TAA grant. The
equipment is too large to be housed on the FRCC campus so, in collaboration with CSU, the CSU engines lab will house the equipment and share in its use.

- Dr. Michele Haney, President of Red Rocks Community College, shared highlights relative to the Red Rocks Community College rugby club.
- Dr. Chuck Bohlen, Interim President of Trinidad State Junior College, thanked the board for their recent visit to the Alamosa campus. He spoke to a land donation to the college and the fundraising that is in process relative to the proposed new campus. He shared that former board member and past TSJC president, Ruth Ann Woods, would be returning to Trinidad for two days to assist with the fundraising process and to help in identifying potential donors. Dr. Bohlen will be meeting with city and county members regarding an infrastructure grant for roads, etc.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- No public comments.

V. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

- No agenda items were carried forward from the work session.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

A. Appointment of Concurrent Enrollment Oversight Committee Board Member
B. Colorado Vocational Act Emergency Rule
C. Community College of Denver – South Classroom Guaranteed Maximum Price Contract Amendment
D. Front Range Community College, Larimer Campus – Master Plan Update
E. Lamar Community College – IT Academy Center for Excellence
F. Pikes Peak Community College, Centennial Campus – Spending Authority for Cafeteria/Bookstore Breckenridge Building
G. Pikes Peak Community College, Centennial Campus – Spending Authority for Climax Building Upper Level and Vestibule Addition
H. Pikes Peak Community College, Centennial Campus – Spending Authority for Land Purchase – Heinrich Parcel
I. Trinidad State Junior College – Use of State Nursing Home Proceeds

J. Advisory Council Nominee: Front Range Community College
   - Don Oest for a full term commencing November 1, 2012

K. Advisory Council Nominee: Lamar Community College
   - David Esgar for a full term commencing October 1, 2012

L. Advisory Council Nominee: Morgan Community College
   - Michelle Johnstone for a full term commencing November 1, 2012

M. Advisory Council Nominee: Otero Junior College
   - Robert Oquist for a full term commencing November 1, 2012

N. Advisory Council Nominees: Red Rocks Community College
   - Mark McGoff for a full term commencing November 1, 2012
   - Craig Kocian for reappointment to a full term commencing November 1, 2012

O. Advisory Council Nominees: Trinidad State Junior College
   - Charlotte Kilpatrick for reappointment to a full term commencing December 1, 2012
   - Thomas Scarlett for reappointment to a full term commencing December 1, 2012

P. Resolution Related to H.B. 12-1357 Participation Agreement, Hand Carry

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

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to bring before the board, Bernadette Marquez made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:12 p.m. The motion was seconded by Maury Dobbie and passed unanimously.