I. CALL TO ORDER (10:25am)

   A. Pledge of Allegiance
   B. Roll Call

   Members Present: Dr. John Trefny, Chair, Rich Martinez, Vice Chair, Maury Dobbie, Bernadette Marquez, Russ Meyer, Theresa Peña, Jean White, Stephanie Irwin, State Faculty Advisory Council representative, and Ryan Manzanares, State Student Advisory Council representative.

   Members Absent: Jim Johnson and Ken Weil

II. GENERAL BUSINESS

   A. Approval of Minutes
      - Regular Meeting of February 13, 2013

      Maury Dobbie made a motion to approve the minutes of February 13, 2013, as presented. Bernadette Marquez seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

   B. Approval of Agenda

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

A. Board Reports

- Student Representative, Ryan Manzanares
  - Ryan updated the board on recent activities, noting that members of SSAC are working on the issue of student transportation. They have requested a meeting with the Regional Transportation Department (RTD) and have sought the assistance of Ms. Erin Hoag, CCCS Assistant Provost, with this issue. SSAC is looking at the feasibility of other transportation options, such as a shuttle service between campuses.

  Additionally, the SSAC president has written a letter to the General Assembly regarding SB13-165, Community Colleges Offer a Limited Number of Bachelor Degrees, and how the passage of this bill would impact students. They are planning a legislative lunch to allow members of SSAC one-on-one time with the legislators.

- Faculty Representative, Stephanie Irwin
  - Ms. Irwin informed the board that this is her last term as SFAC representative to the board. Voting will take place in April for a new representative. Ms. Irwin’s term will officially end June 30, 2013.

- System President, Dr. Nancy McCallin
  - Dr. McCallin directed the board to their hand carry folder for the spring 2013 enrollment information, noting that spring enrollment is down 3.85 percent; three schools are up slightly (Arapahoe Community College, Lamar Community College and Otero Junior College). On a FTE (Full Time Equivalent) basis, CCCS is on target to be slightly better than the 4.3 percent decrease that was budgeted.

  Dr. McCallin brought the board’s attention to two of the written reports in their board materials. She directed the board’s attention to the Educational Marketing Group’s advertising artwork, noting that the billboard and transit campaign is underway. The Degrees Awarded 2012 report reflects that 14,235 certificates and degrees were awarded at CCCS colleges in academic year 2012. That number represents a 7.9 percent increase over academic year
2011. Over the past five years, awards granted by CCCS colleges have increased 35.8 percent. Of all degrees awarded, 25 percent went to minority recipients, a two percentage point increase over a year ago.

- Dr. McCallin addressed the sequestration impact, noting the following:
  - Overall, $85 billion of cuts have been set in motion of which $43 billion is Department of Defense, $10 billion is Medicare, and $29 billion is “discretionary.” There is a greater impact on 4-year institutions than on community colleges.
  - Pell funds were not affected, though work study will be lowered and the Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant (SEOG) will be affected in academic year 2013-2014. SEOG is for students with exceptional need. Estimated statewide in Colorado – both 4-year and 2-year institutions – this would affect 1,170 students on SEOG financial aid and 430 work study students.
  - The origination fee on student loans increased from 1 percent to 1.1 percent.
  - Current grants that we already have are not impacted but next year Perkins and any grants not already received will be reduced 8.5 percent (a $1.4 - $1.5 million reduction for Perkins alone).
  - TRIO, Gear Up, grants to Hispanic serving institutions (Community College of Denver, Trinidad State Junior College, Otero Junior College, and Pueblo Community College) will be reduced.
  - The largest impact is on research institutions where $6.8 billion in research and development spending will be cut. The federal government funds approximately 60 percent of scientific research, much of which is conducted by colleges and universities.
  - There are three more “fiscal cliffs” to weather:
    - There is still no federal budget for fiscal year 2012-2013. Spending authority will run out in late March. The government will need to pass another continuing resolution.
• The president must present a Fiscal Year 2013-2014 budget.
• In May, the debt ceiling will run out.
  ▪ Congress did provide a 5-year extension for the American Opportunity Tax Credit.
  ▪ Pell funding appears solid for the next 3 to 5 years.
  o In Jim Johnson’s absence, Dr. McCallin directed the board to the draft performance contract in their hand carry folders. She noted that the Colorado Commission on Higher Education (CCHE) is working through issues with the commissioners, i.e. based on some additional language CCCS added to the contract. Dr. McCallin will keep the board apprised as she communicates with CCHE.
  o The board was provided a copy of the PowerPoint presentation Dr. McCallin and Dr. Anderson made before the Joint Education Committee March 6th relative to Colorado community colleges serving their communities and, thereby, strengthening Colorado.
  o The annual concurrent enrollment report was released February 20th, noting:
    ▪ More than 24,000 students are enrolled in some type of concurrent enrollment program, 70 percent of which are in 2-year colleges.
    ▪ Of the high school students participating in concurrent enrollment, 85 percent enrolled in college. Douglas County school district is the largest participant in concurrent enrollment.
    ▪ Eighteen higher education institutions and 308 high schools participate in concurrent enrollment.
  o Cliff Richardson, Community College of Denver (CCD) Interim President, is attending a press conference this afternoon on Dr. McCallin’s behalf with Lieutenant Governor Joe Garcia on the value of degrees in Colorado. A national study conducted by Georgetown’s Center for Education and Work Force indicates 30 percent of Americans with associate degrees earn more than those with bachelor’s degree, depending on the type of bachelor’s degree. Colorado’s data is similar, showing that our associate degree and certificate holders can earn the
same or more than those receiving a bachelor’s degree, especially in technical and high-demand fields.

- Regarding the presidential search at Trinidad State Junior College, the search committee presented Dr. McCallin with one name. A second candidate was to move forward to Dr. McCallin but accepted another job offer. A copy of the press release was provided to the board. Dr. McCallin noted that CCCS is conducting background checks. Per state law, no offer can be made until 14 days after the press release date. The candidate, Dr. Carmen Simone, holds a Ph.D. in Chemistry. Dr. Simone is currently at Lewis-Clark College in Lewiston, Idaho as Vice President of Academic Affairs. Previously, she held positions at Casper College, Casper, Wyoming. Dr. McCallin will seek input from the board on this candidate.

- CCCS is partnering with the American Council on Education to provide a national chair academy for CCCS department chairs, deans, etc. 97 individuals are enrolled. This addresses an issue identified in climate surveys where it was noted that more training was needed. The board will receive additional information relative to the results of CCCS’s most recent climate survey at the April board meeting.

- CCCS is in the process of distributing the second round of the immersive learning grants.

- In conclusion, Dr. McCallin provided results from the first month of the 2013 Tax Help Colorado program, sharing that 5,765 returns have been prepared, providing nearly $13 million in refunds. This program is in partnership with the Piton Foundation.

- Audit Committee Report, Dr. John Trefny
  - Dr. Trefny shared that there has not been a meeting of the Audit Committee since the last board meeting; therefore, no new information to report. He directed the board to the Internal Audit report in their board materials, prepared by Charla Hollowell, CCCS’s Director of Internal Audit.
• Performance Measures Committee Report, Jim Johnson
  o In Jim Johnson’s absence, Dr. Trefny referenced Dr. McCallin’s update relative to the performance measures contract.

B. Presidents’ Reports
• Dr. Kerry Hart, Morgan Community College (MCC) President, shared that the MCC jazz ensemble will be performing at the capitol for a luncheon April 3rd.
  o Dr. Trefny shared that Dr. Hart was recently recognized as the Citizen-of-the-Year at the Fort Morgan Area Chamber of Commerce’s 95th Annual Meeting.

• Dr. Chuck Bohlen, Trinidad State Junior College (TSJC) Interim President, provided the board with an accreditation update, noting that a focus visit was conducted Monday and Tuesday of this week, March 11 and 12. Dr. Bohlen reported that the college received a good report from the visiting team related to issues identified in a previous 2008 visit and that a final report will be forthcoming.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS
• No public comments.

V. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS
• No items carried forward from the work session.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS
A. Red Rocks Community College – Facilities Master Plan
B. Front Range Community College, Westminster – Parking Lot Improvements, Phase I
C. Otero Junior College – Dining Hall Project
D. Financial Interest Disclosure
E. Advisory Council Nominee: Otero Junior College
  o Brian Burney for a full term commencing March 1, 2013
F. Advisory Council Nominee: Trinidad State Junior College
  o Vibeke Adkisson for a full term commencing April 1, 2013
Bernadette Marquez made a motion to approve the consent agenda items, as presented. Theresa Peña seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Let the record show that Rich Martinez recused himself from voting on Consent Agenda item VI.D.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to bring before the board, Jean White made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 a.m. The motion was seconded by Russ Meyer and passed unanimously.