STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION

Meeting Minutes

April 9, 2014

Front Range Community College – Westminster Campus
3645 West 112th Avenue, Westminster, CO
Rocky Mountain Room

I. CALL TO ORDER (11:03am)

A. Pledge of Allegiance
B. Roll Call

Members Present: Dr. John Trefny, Chair, Rich Martinez, Vice Chair, Maury Dobbie, Jim Johnson, Bernadette Marquez, Dr. Russ Meyer, Theresa Peña, Robert Henderson, State Faculty Advisory Council representative, and Taryn Flack, State Student Advisory Council representative.

Members Absent: Jean White and Ken Weil.

II. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Approval of Minutes
   - Regular Meeting of March 12, 2014

Bernadette Marquez made a motion to approve the March 12, 2014 minutes as presented. Dr. Russ Meyer seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

B. Approval of Agenda

Rich Martinez made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Bernadette Marquez seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

III. REPORTS

A. Board Reports
   • Student Representative, Taryn Flack
Ms. Flack reported that the focus of the most recent SSAC meeting was on the pending legislation; specifically, SB 1 and the adjunct bill (HB14-1154). Ms. Flack and other members of SSAC believe the students do not fully understand the adjunct bill; therefore, clarification of the bill is being shared with SSAC representatives to be shared with the students at their respective colleges.

Ms. Flack shared that the SSAC Chair and Secretary attended a conference in Washington, D.C., receiving training on servant leadership.

- Faculty Representative, Robert Henderson
  
  Mr. Henderson noted that SFAC will visit Red Rocks Community College next week as part of their mission to visit as many of the system colleges as possible. Their final meeting for the year will be in May.

  Mr. Henderson expressed appreciation to the members of the CCCS staff who have attended the monthly SFAC meetings, providing updates and information relative to their respective departments/divisions. He noted the reports were very beneficial. He specifically acknowledged Dr. McCallin, Nancy Wahl, General Counsel, Dr. Jerry Migler, Vice President of Academic Services, and Cynthia Hier, Associate Vice President of Human Resources.

  In conclusion, Mr. Henderson acknowledged the guidance from the CCCS office regarding system policy and faculty rights relative to the recording of lectures by students.

- System President, Dr. Nancy McCallin
  
  Dr. McCallin reported that spring enrollment is down 4.8%, which is in line with expectations and budgeting. Some of this is expected due to remedial reform. There is a slight rebound at some of the rural colleges.

  Dr. McCallin attended the ground breaking ceremony at Front Range Community College’s Larimer campus for their new Integrated Technology Building. Dr. McCallin acknowledged Ms. Flack’s participation in the ceremony.

  The JBC approved capital funding for a project at Red Rocks Community College and level 1 controlled maintenance projects across the system. The funding of level 2 controlled maintenance projects is undecided at this time.
The Rising Star Awards and Recognition luncheon was held at Arapahoe Community College Tuesday, April 8, and recognizes “rising star” students from each of our colleges.

Dr. McCallin directed the board’s attention to a letter addressed to Senator Michael Bennet in their hand-carry folders, noting that Senator Bennet had requested input on regulations regarding higher education. The CCCS letter addresses many onerous, costly regulations affecting community colleges, with the two most difficult being gainful employment and state authorization.

Northeastern Junior College sold their farm land through an auction, which the board approved last month, and which President Lee will address later in the meeting.

Dr. McCallin directed the board’s attention to the article in their hand-carry folders relative to some states proposing free community college tuition and the challenges associated with that proposal.

The board received a written report in follow-up to the loan default discussion last month. The report addresses what ECMC does to help cure loans in default as well as options for those who have defaulted to get current and to cure their default. Dr. McCallin shared characteristics of defaulters from our colleges with the board:

- Attend only one or two semesters;
- Complete less than 15 credits;
- Withdraw in the final semester;
- Start in a remedial course;
- Have an undecided major;
- Have a low GPA; and
- ¾ were on probation for satisfactory academic progress.

Interestingly, students with the highest amount of loan debt were least likely to default.

The Colorado Department of Higher Education’s annual report on concurrent enrollment was distributed to the board members in their hand-carry folders. Of interest from the report:
- 22% of high school students are in concurrent enrollment;
- Cherokee Trail High School (Cherry Creek school district) has the highest number of students;
- Denver Public Schools now has the most number of students participating from a district;
- The average number of credit hours completed through concurrent enrollment is 7.2; and,
- Participation in concurrent enrollment increases the likelihood of going to college by 23% and decreases the need for remedial course work by 10%.

- **Audit Committee, Dr. John Trefny**
  - An Audit Committee meeting has not been held since the last board meeting; therefore, Dr. Trefny directed the meeting attendees to the Internal Audit report in their meeting materials.
  - Dr. Trefny reported that the next meeting of the Audit Committee is scheduled for May 29th.

**B. Presidents’ Reports**

- **President Patty Erjavec, Pueblo Community College**, reported that though there is a decrease in enrollment there is a 9% improvement in retention.

- **Dr. Michele Haney, President, Red Rocks Community College**, announced that two students, Stacy McElvaney and Julianna Bourgeois, received Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarships. The scholarship is for up to $30,000 per year for the final two-three years necessary to achieve a bachelor’s degree. Julianna and Stacy are two of 85 scholars selected nationally to receive this scholarship.

- **President Jay Lee, Northeastern Junior College**, shared with the board that the final sale from the farm land auction was $464,500.

- **Dr. Lance Bolton, President, Pikes Peak Community College**, shared information relative to a new “center for entrepreneurialism” that will be launched as a collaborative effort between Pikes Peak Community College and 3 other Colorado Springs higher education institutions. An
announcement will be made later this month. The program, a Kaufman Foundation program entitled Ice House, is a learning program designed to educate and engage students in the fundamental aspects of an entrepreneurial mindset and the unlimited opportunities it can provide. The overall objective of the program is to empower students by exposing them to entrepreneurial thinking while immersing them in real-world entrepreneurial experiences.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS
No public comments.

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

VI. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Maury Dobbie made a motion to approve the Tuition and Fees consent agenda item, as presented. Jim Johnson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Rich Martinez made a motion to move into Executive Session pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes sections 24-6-402(3)(a)(II), 24-6-402(3)(b)(I), and 24-6-402(3)(a)(I) to confer with the Board’s attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice, to discuss personnel matters, and to discuss the purchase of property for public purposes or the sale of property at competitive bidding. Bernadette Marquez seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Russ Meyer 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, Jim Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:37p.m. The motion was seconded by Maury Dobbie and passed unanimously.