

SBCCOE Meeting- April 2024

Minutes

April 10, 2024

Community College of Denver, 800 Curtis Street, Denver, CO 80204 (Confluence Bldg. - 1st Floor)

I. REGULAR SESSION CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mascareñaz called the **April 10, 2024**, regular meeting of the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education to order at **10:01am MDT**.

A. Roll Call

Mary Reeves, State Board Coordinator, called the roll. With the attendance noted below, a quorum was reached, and the meeting proceeded.

Attendance

Present:

Members: Ross Dueber, Rollie Heath, Tatiana Hernandez, Catlyn Keenan, Landon Mascareñaz, Karen McNeil-Miller, Terrance McWilliams, Yolanda Ortega, Brad Rupert

Absent:

Members: Cathy Shull, Steven Trujillo, Hector Vargas

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Board member Ross Dueber led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. CCCS Land Acknowledgement

Rollie Heath, Immediate Past Chair, read the Land Acknowledgement.

Land Acknowledgement for the Auraria Higher Education Center (AHEC)

As we gather today, we honor and acknowledge that the Auraria Higher Education Center (AHEC) is on the traditional territories and ancestral homelands of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Nations. This area was also the site of trade, hunting, gathering, and healing for many other Native Nations: The Lakota, Ute, Kiowa, Comanche, Apache, Shoshone, and others.

We recognize the indigenous peoples as the original stewards of the land, water, plants, and animals who called this place home. As these words of acknowledgement are spoken and heard, the ties that these nations have to their traditional homelands are renewed and reaffirmed. Let us also acknowledge the painful history of genocides and forced removal. We respect the diverse Indigenous peoples still connected to this land on which we gather. We pay our respects to them and give thanks to all Tribal Nations and the ancestors of this place.

We also want to recognize the community and families of Auraria who lived, worked, and worshipped at Auraria. The decision to provide this sacred land in order to create a permanent home of the Community College of Denver, Metropolitan State University, and University of Colorado Denver was a difficult one. Let us honor the families of Auraria and their generous contribution, which made this public campus of higher education possible to benefit so many.

D. Approve Minutes of March 13, 2024

Motion:

Motion moved by Tatiana Hernandez and motion seconded by Brad Rupert. The motion passed.

E. Approve Agenda for April 10, 2024

Motion:

Motion moved by Rollie Heath and motion seconded by Yolanda Ortega. The motion passed.

II. CONSENT AGENDA APPROVALS

Motion:

Chair Mascareñas requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda containing the items noted below.

- Approval of Colorado Northwestern Community College Advisory Council Nominee: **Mr. Charles Kapp** for *Appointment* to a Full Term from April 15, 2024 through April 14, 2028.
- Approval of Otero College Advisory Council Nominee: **Ms. Margaret Grasmick** for *Re-Appointment* to a Full Term from March 1, 2024 through February 29, 2028.
- Approval of Trinidad State College Advisory Council Nominee: **Ms. Dawn Nudell Richardson** for *Appointment* to a Full Term from May 1, 2024 through April 30, 2028.

Motion moved by Terrance McWilliams and motion seconded by Tatiana Hernandez. The motion passed.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Mascareñas asked the State Board Coordinator if anyone had signed up to address the Board. Hearing that one individual had requested to make a public comment, he directed that five minutes were allotted for the comments.

Mr. Bill Schroer of La Junta, CO addressed the Board.

The Chair thanked Mr. Schroer and the meeting continued.

IV. REPORTS

A. Chancellor's Report, Joe Garcia

- Noted that there is a little less than a month left of the legislative session and that he is enormously pleased with how the Colorado Community College System did in the Long Bill. At the beginning of the session, it did not look possible that CCCS would end up with a 8.8% increase. Stated that it is due to the good work of higher education working together and thanked the talented team of Mark Superka, Fiona Lytle, Moira Cullen and Jason Hopper for their hard work throughout the session. Also thanked the Presidents for making critical calls to their delegations when the budget was hanging in the balance.
- Thanked the Presidents for the terrific job they and their teams have done to host the strategic plan statewide listening tour and the Board members who have attended the sessions. Noted that after CCD later today, there will be sessions at CNCC (Rangely and Craig) as well as two campuses of FRCC (Westminster and Fort Collins). Announced that through the help of Colorado

Succeeds and other arrangements are being made for additional targeted engagements with business and industry.

- Reported that since the meeting in March, he has announced the appointments of Dr. Sarah Heath as Vice Chancellor of Academic and Student Affairs which will begin on Monday, April 15th and the appointment of Dr. Chato Hazelbaker as the next President of Pueblo Community College, beginning July 1. Thanked Dr. Erjavec for extending her retirement date to allow time for a smooth transition.
- Reported that an early look at summer enrollments is continuing to trend upwards.

B. State Faculty Advisory Council (SFAC), Dr. Catlyn Keenan, SFAC Representative

- Reported that SFAC had held their elections for FY25 and all current members will continue for the next year. Travis Parkhurst (PCC) and Ewan Magie (MCC) will continue as SFAC co-Chairs, Ellie Camann (RRCC) will continue as Recorder, and Catlyn Keenan (FRCC) will continue as the faculty representative to the State Board.
- Stated that a taskforce to examine and propose changes to BP 3-20 and SPs a, b, and c is moving forward under the organizational skills of Danen Jobe (Director of Academic Programs and Curriculum). *[Correction: Christina Cecil, CCCS Chief Human Resources Officer, is assisting the Taskforce.]*
- Reported that the working group developing recommendations for ensuring academic freedom has formed and is working forward.
- Expressed the view that there is a lot of concern about Artificial Intelligence (AI) from faculty across the system. Faculty support a system level policy statement. At the very least, SP 4-30a needs to have language specifically addressing AI. We met with Tina Parscal (Associate Vice Chancellor for CCCOnline and Academic Affairs); Tina recommends taking initiative to develop individual syllabus statements as the System works to determine the best course of action.
- Reported that faculty senate presidents from six colleges met the first week in April to discuss the Colorado Online Consortium. Those faculty senate presidents who could not make the meeting are being kept informed. Faculty from several colleges are collaborating on a list of concerns and proposed solutions that may be sent to Chancellor Garcia, Dr. Sarah Heath, Vice Chancellor for Academic & Student Affairs, and the State Board in the coming month.

C. State Student Advisory Council (SSAC), Hector Vargas, SSAC Chair

There was no SSAC Report at this meeting.

D. Chair's Report, Dr. Landon Mascareñaz

- Expressed appreciation to Dr. Keenan for the constructive feedback and solutions.
- Reported that he had recently visited the Cherry Creek Innovation Campus. The staff and faculty are focused on economic mobility and there are partnerships with Arapahoe Community College (ACC) and Pueblo Community College (PCC). The campus is an amazing space, and the partnerships can drive shared vision.

- Expressed thanks to Diane Duffy, Adam Cermak, Bailee Harris and Mary Reeves for working with the colleges to make all of the arrangements for the Strategic Plan Listening Tour. Observed how great it has been to hear directly from the college communities, what they love and what they don't love. There are going to be some REALLY big strategic ideas, questions we need to take on, some on-off items, and some surprising moments.
- Thanked Chancellor Garcia and stated that building of a new strategic plan for a system as large as ours is not easy.
- Stated that he is excited to hear more about what the colleges build around now being able to offer high school diplomas. This is illustrative of a Future Ready CCCS System.
- Noted that the Colorado Trustee Network (CTN) held a virtual listening session and thanked Dr. DeSanctis, President, Community College of Denver for participating on the panel alongside other college presidents across Colorado. Encouraged board members who weren't able to attend to access the recording, stating that it was a great conversation about the current status of higher education and how we as trustees and board members have a really productive role to play moving forward.
- Appointment of SBCCOE Nominating Committee
Chair Mascareñaz stated that each year, a Nominating Committee for the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education (SBCCOE) is formed to provide a slate of board officers to be elected for the 2024-2025 year. The nominating committee consists of the Chair, the Vice Chair and one other Board member. During the Discussion and Action section of the agenda, he will request a motion to appoint himself, Terrance Williams, Vice Chair, and Board member Brad Rupert to the Nominating Committee.

E. **Presidents' Emerging News (Items not included in the Written Reports.)**

Dr. Rhonda Epper, President, Trinidad State College (TSC)

- Emerging News from Emergent Campus. In a significant development, TSC received \$3.5 million from Opportunity Now which they have been working on for 18 months. Their project is the second largest project and was highlighted at the Governor's press conference. It is a business incubator leveraging the partnership with Pueblo Community College (PCC) to create a second footprint emergent campus in Trinidad. Through the Rural College Consortium, we'll be sharing in the course development for CIS certificates and other programs.
- TSC received a \$718K grant through an Opportunity Now project in the San Luis Valley that will enable TSC to offer an evening and weekend nursing program on the Valley campus in Alamosa.
- Reported on the TSC Library renovation and that the TSC Foundation has created a naming campaign.

Dr. Stephanie Fujii, President, Arapahoe Community College (ACC)

- Announced that ACC has been invited by the United States Space Command to serve on the academic engagement enterprise. ACC is the only community college in the nation that has been invited to participate. Reported that ACC was recognized as a 2024 most promising place to work by the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development.

Announced that she had just received formal notification that she has been elected to a three-year team on the board of American Association of Community Colleges (AACC)

Dr. Lance Bolton, President, Pike Peak State College (PPSC)

- Reported that PPSC was honored to host the Colorado Department of Higher Education (CDHE) Executive Director, Dr. Angie Paccione and her staff members at the PPSC medical campus. They toured the facility and had some good conversations around the state of higher education.

V. DISCUSSION and ACTION ITEM APPROVAL

The Board acted upon each item listed below.

A. Approval of SBCCOE Nominating Committee Appointments

Motion:

Chair Mascareñaz requested a motion to appoint himself, Terrance Williams, Vice Chair, and Board member Brad Rupert to the Nominating Committee.

Motion moved by Rollie Heath and motion seconded by Terrance McWilliams. The motion passed.

B. Approval of FY 2024-25 Tuition and Fees

Motion:

Motion moved by Terrance McWilliams and motion seconded by Tatiana Hernandez. The motion passed.

C. Approval of Otero College (OC) Facilities Master Plan

Motion:

Motion moved by Terrance McWilliams and motion seconded by Rollie Heath. The motion passed.

D. Approval of Otero College (OC) Welding Shop Metal Building Spending Authority

Motion:

Motion moved by Tatiana Hernandez and motion seconded by Yolanda Ortega. The motion passed.

E. Approval of Pueblo Community College (PCC) Facilities Master Plan

Motion:

Motion moved by Rollie Heath and motion seconded by Terrance McWilliams. The motion passed.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion:

Chair Mascareñaz requested a motion to adjourn the meeting of April 10, 2024.

Motion moved by Ross Dueber and motion seconded by Rollie Heath. The motion passed and the **April 10, 2024** regular meeting of the State Board was adjourned at **10:43am MDT**.