



State Faculty
Advisory Council

MEETING MINUTES

Friday, December 6, 2019

Colorado Community Colleges System Office

9101 E Lowry Blvd, Denver, CO 80238

Foundation Room – 2ND floor

9:00am- 3:00pm

I. WELCOME

A. Attendance

1. **Members Present:** Lisa Gallegos (OJC) Chair, Daniel Grafton (MCC) Vice Chair, Jenai Rutledge (ACC) Recorder, Kelly O'Dell (CCA), Andy DeRoche (FRCC), Kent Ross (NJC), Mary Nicks (PCC), Cathy Henrichs (PPCC), Amy Braziller (RRCC), Kathryn Carpenter (TSJC), Nicholas Swails (CNCC), Shirley Smith (CCD)
2. **Absent:** Joe Shields (LCC)

B. SFAC BYLAWS revisions – handout provided and revisions were discussed.

II. DR. LANDON PIRIUS - Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs

A. Teaching Excellence Grant updates – Grant information and application forms/details will be made available early February. First-round grant applications deadlines are anticipated to be within the spring (end of March?) 2020 semester with anticipated start of implementation of funded projects - fall 2020.

B. Sabbatical plan report (SP3-65) and initiatives to revise of other System Policies

1. SP3-65 is up for revision - last revisions to update the SP were made in 2001.
2. Proposed/suggested changes are likely to allow for sabbaticals, effectively lifting perceived restrictions on sabbaticals that may appear to exist at the system level. To be approved, sabbatical proposals will need to clearly align with CCCS strategic plan and board priorities.
3. Andy DeRoche (FRCC) has volunteered to collaborate on revisions with Landon.
4. Chancellor Garcia and Dr. Pirus are reviewing existing SP and are working to create and amend policies to improve transparency and be more inclusive of faculty at the decision-making levels.

C. SSAC (student counterpart to SFAC) fee initiative

1. SSAC has a plan to push out a fee initiative to all 13 colleges that would fund SSAC activities (e.g. a trip to Washington D.C. to meet with our delegation, lobbying locally, covering travel costs to meetings, stipends for participation on SSAC). Current compensation varies widely between colleges. Some funding already comes from the system office – remaining funds come from colleges.
2. Fee initiative would require affirmative student vote on all 13 colleges. Fee would be \$1/semester per student (up to \$3/year per student).



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III. SFCC (statewide faculty curriculum committee) and Common Course Numbering System (CCNS)

- A. Committee is currently working to replacing the system in which CCNS is housed to find a system that will better support the workload flow related to course and program approval. Also looking to find a program that can integrate with college course catalogs.
- B. Course re-numbering initiative – would move CCCS course number from a 3-number to a 4-number format. Completion target fall 2021. Work will begin spring 2020 through SFCC.

Questions for Dr. Pirius: Is there a rule about how student publications are edited and managed? Answer: Dr. Pirius will investigate and follow-up.

IV. TINA PARSCAL & BRITTANY DUDEK – CCCS Online Director – OER Grant applications

- A. CCCOnline grant – Top 40 grant – curate content for CCCS’s top 40 courses. Looking for reviewers (subject matter experts) of curation guides \$150 stipend/course reviewed. SMEs (subject matter experts) will receive guides for review in December with a return deadline of February. To volunteer to be a SME to review courses email Brittany: Brittany.Dudek@cccs.edu
 - a. Target release date is March – will be available on the LOR and on a showcase page that will be made available statewide.
 - b. If a discipline is not represented in the top 40 – discipline can apply for a small group grant in the next round of funding. High-interest in multi-institution and high impact grant applications.
 - c. 31 curation learning guides have been posted to the LOR.
 - d. All CCCOnline syllabi are available on the LOR.
 - e. Revision cycle to keep content current will be faculty-driven and is uncompensated at this time. Conversations about making these resources sustainable are ongoing.
 - f. OER leader and accessibility workshop training day upcoming for OER leaders at each campus.
- B. Z-degree = zero textbook costs – Z-degree challenge just released by the governor. Award will be announced in June conference. If you have a course that has zero textbook costs via OER or otherwise you can apply as a professor, discipline, or institution.
- C. CCCOnline updates
 - a. Tutorme will replace Brainfuse target for this transition is spring 2020. CCCOnline has adopted it – other colleges may opt in to use this resource.
- D. D2L Connections Conference – Friday, February 14, 2020 – RRCC Arvada. Free to faculty.

V. LUNCH – CHANCELLOR JOE GARCIA CCCS

- A. Chancellor Garcia discussed how board discussions and decisions about next steps at the system level will be based on data that incorporate new metrics like number of courses completed in first year in addition to retention and graduation rates.



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- B. Discussed opportunities and challenges related to Governor Polis' plans outlined in a press conference in November – “road map to containing college costs and making college affordable”
- C. New Funding Formula – revisited.
- D. Upcoming bills related to College Attainability
 - 1. One will expand COSI
 - 2. Expanding Counselor core – effort to increase the number of counselors in the primary schools.
 - 3. College credit for work experience – PLA
- E. Chancellor Garcia is serving on the current Education Leadership Council

VI. OLD BUSINESS - SFAC Discussions

- A. Approval of November 1st minutes
- B. Motion to approve minutes made by Daniel Grafton, Seconded by Kathy Carpenter (TSJC)
- C. SharePoint Access verified for all SFAC members
- D. State Board Meeting Report - October 13, 2019 – Gallegos
 - 1. Newly approved BP's:
 - a) BP19-10 Bullying, Violence, Firearms on campus
 - b) BP3-71 Whistleblower protection policy
- E. Faculty Evaluation Committee updates
- F. SFAC Campus Visitations
 - 1. Spring Campus Visitation – CCD Planned for May 1
 - 2. August 28, 2020 SFAC meeting will be at CNCC
- G. Motion to vote Lisa Gallegos into the position of Chair, made by Kathy Carpenter. Seconded by Daniel Grafton. Vote was unanimous in favor.

VII. NEW BUSINESS - SFAC Discussions

- A. Teaching and Learning – Best Practices
- B. SFAC Bylaw Revisions - proposed to amend Article I, Article II, Article IV, Article V, and Article VI to update wording, correct errors, revise recommended practices to reflect current practices, and provide compensation for SFAC member service.
- C. Suggestions about how to better honor our faculty to improve morale and celebrate faculty at the system level. Ideas to accomplish this included:
 - 1. Pair award with SFAC teaching excellence grant? An award from each college
- D. Add a spotlight blog on our SFAC page to highlight a few faculty of the month from a variety of colleges. “Teachers who love to teach”

VIII. COLLEGE REPORTS

Adjourn (3:13)

(Meeting minutes approved electronically by majority vote on 2/11/2020)