

COLORADO NORTHWESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
MOFFAT COUNTY AFFILIATED JUNIOR COLLEGE DISTRICT
BOARD OF CONTROL MEETING
Special Meeting May 29, 2018

Board Attendees: Mike Anson, Zack Allen, Terry Carwile, Andy Daniels, and Lois Wymore

System Office: Nancy McCallin – System President and Fiona Lytle, Director of Communications & Legislative Affairs

College: Ron Granger – President, Janell Oberlander-VP SS & Craig Campus, Kathy Powell – Faculty, Brian MacKenzie – Staff, Donna Secules – Staff, Melissa Dowd – Staff, Carol Sharp – Staff, Jan Rogers – Staff, Rebecca Powell – Staff, Karen Stillion – part-time instruction, Ed Koucherik – part-time instruction, Danna Armstrong – Faculty, Darby McDermott - Staff, Kathy Fagan – Part-time instruction, Meghan Davis – Faculty, Julie Alkema - Faculty, Char Opper - Faculty , Beverly Lyne – Director of Nursing, and Liz Johnson – Faculty

Audience: Sasha Nelson - Craig Daily Press, Jane Hume, Jane Yazzie, Eldon Holland – Yampa Valley Data Partners, David Ulrich - Superintendent Moffat County School District, David Fleming, Jeff Rector - Rio Blanco County Commissioner, John Ponikvar - Craig City Mayor, Kathy Simpson - Former Faculty, Sue Mock, Geoff Mock, Frank Moe - County Commissioner, Tony St. John, Don Cook - County Commissioner, Jay Wymore, and 3 unnamed community members

1.0 Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence/Roll Call

The Meeting was called to order at 11:30 am. The Pledge of Allegiance was said, a moment of silence was observed, and roll call was taken.

2.0 Focus Group Feedback with Dr. McCallin

Board Chairperson Mike Anson opened the meeting by indicating that there were to be no comments made that will personally attack any person or group. Dr. McCallin was thanked for her taking the time to travel to Craig and meet with the Moffat County Affiliated Junior College District (MCAJCD) Board of Control.

Each Board member would each have an opportunity to speak about their concerns regarding the findings during the community forums that were commissioned by the MCAJCD Board of Control.

Mr. Anson indicated that the lack of communication was mentioned many times when he met one-on-one with some of the Craig campus personnel. He went on to say that, people felt there wasn't much communication from the top – down and that the rumor mill was where most of the campus information came from.

Mr. Carwile spoke about the five areas of responsibilities the Board of Control has as per the Articles of Authorization. He would expect the College to be the primary mechanism to lower the impact of the retirement of Unit 1 Power Plant. The community is looking at a 30% contraction when the unit is shut down, and he feels it is the district's responsibility to the taxpayers to help minimize the impact. He asked, "What are we going to do to get to yes for the College's future."

Mr. Allen indicated his understanding about the Board's fiduciary duty and that he understands that they cannot hire or fire employees. He does feel he should be very aware of how the tax dollars are spent and that they should be for the betterment of the College and community. Mr. Allen believes the Board should understand the College's Strategic Plan and the deadlines associated with that, as well as have information about the program analysis. However, he does not feel the Board is getting that information.

Ms. Wymore indicated that she felt that the College starts and stops things and her main concern is the lack of communication between the two campuses.

Mr. Daniels is looking for the College's vision, and he feels that the organization currently lacks a solid vision. Much of the information that has been requested by the Board doesn't seem to be articulated. He is looking for a second plan with deliverables. Right now, it just isn't there.

Mr. Anson asked that this meeting is documented and that there be a commitment to having a vision and goal by July 1st.

Dr. McCallin asked that Mr. MacKenzie work with Mr. Granger on the vision and goals. Dr. McCallin reminded everyone, that when Mr. Granger came in as the President, his focus was the budget and getting that back in line. She also mentioned that 63% of the graduates from CNCC have zero debt. She also stated that Moffat County Concurrent had the highest enrollment numbers in the State of Colorado.

Dr. McCallin stated that she and the CNCC Administrators do understand the importance of utilizing the strategic plan with measurable goals that should be revisited every few months.

An audience member commented about the lack of new programming for the Craig campus. It is felt that we have the repository, which is unique for any community college, but there wasn't anything being done with it, and nothing was being readied for a program. It has been announced that there would be agriculture and equine classes on the Craig campus, but nothing has come to fruition. Ms. Davis, who indicated that as a Department Chair/Dean, the lack of moving some of these ideas forward, fell on her. She didn't have the time to follow through. It was mentioned that classes for the fall Medical Assistant program would be added to the schedule this coming this week. The Drone face-to-face classes are also being readied for the fall schedule.

An audience member asked why it appears to take so long to get a program up and running. Dr. McCallin did indicate that it does seem that way but the process is what it is. Dr. McCallin

mentioned the rural stabilization grant that CNCC received that was a boom for the College including the purchase of equipment and a 3D printer.

It was indicated by Mr. Granger that he was going to set up a community networking opportunity once a month on the Craig campus; similar to what is done on the Rangely campus. He also plans to meet with the focus sub-groups, such as the seniors and Hispanic populations as well.

Mr. Granger mentioned that the BSN program was moving along in its process with the hopes that it would be available in spring 2019. However, Dr. McCallin indicated that the program was on the fast track, but it most likely would be fall of 2020 before classes can start.

Mr. Granger did commit to providing Asset and Liability statements to the Board. It was also indicated that CNCC's Strategic plan with Vision and Mission Statements would be published by July 1, 2018.

Mr. Holland, community member and representative from the Yampa Valley Data Partners, had strong words to say about the lack of fiscal transparency of the CNCC College and the CCCS System. He handed out a report he authored that spelled out the Fiduciary Responsibilities of CNCC to the MCAJCD Board of Control and evidence that the System office, CNCC, and the MCAJCD Board of Control, of complicity or grossly negligence in its fiduciary responsibilities to the taxpayers of Moffat County.

Dr. McCallin stated she had an issue with Mr. Holland's statements and went on to explain about the rigorous fiscal auditing process the System and the College undergoes every year. Dr. McCallin expressed her pride in bringing to life the new academic buildings in Craig during her tenure, and she has every expectation that it will continue to grow. The rural schools receive, on average, approximately \$7,400/student, where the urban schools receive around \$2,000/student in compensation. All the System Colleges understand that the rural schools do not have the economies of scale that the urban schools do, so the rural do receive more monies.

Multiple people mentioned the differences in class schedules when compared to Rangely. It was indicated that it has become challenging to put together a full-time schedule due to the lack of class options and their timing. Ms. Mosher, who works with the Craig schedule, expressed the noticeable change and decline of the number of classes over the last couple of years and that the offerings were at a minimum. So much so, the Craig campus can no longer offer the Degrees with Designation. Because Craig can only offer one section of courses, it has become a hit and miss scenario as to whether they will fit into the student's schedule.

Other community members and CNCC staff had the following comments:

Mr. Morgan, community member. Indicated he has a Master's degree in Junior College Administration. He would like to see changes made to get the Craig campus back on track and growing again.

Mr. Koucherik, adjunct, would like to see the Craig campus become a separate entity and that the partnership with Rangely is not working.

A community member mentioned that when the current VP, currently Janell Oberlander, was interviewed and consequently hired, it was to be the voice in the community and for this campus. There is no voice on this campus.

Ms. Stillion, adjunct, expressed her thanks to Dr. McCallin for visiting the campus.

Ms. Simpson, Retired Faculty, asked the administration and the Board of Control to keep the students foremost in their minds. She has seen the resources of the Arts and Sciences class dwindle, hurting the students.

Ms. Lyne, Nursing Director, is concerned that CNCC has become a revolving door, so much so, that it will become difficult to recruit personnel. She would like to see some a mentoring program for new faculty.

Ms. Johnson, Faculty, mentioned that the college has about a 15% vacancy rate.

It was also asked why the Craig campus did not have a paleontology program. It is felt that this is a unique opportunity to bring even more students. "The classes available are bringing in students from all over the United States; why can't CNCC capitalize on that".

One Faculty and one staff member indicated that they felt very underappreciated and that there wasn't very good communication about what is happening at the college.

Mr. Allen does not feel that the Board of Control and the CNCC Administration have been collaborative and would like to see that change.

3. Adjourn

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:



Denise Mosher, Meeting Recorder