

**RANGELY JUNIOR COLLEGE DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Special Session
Johnson Banquet Room
Monday, August 28, 2018
9:00am

PRESENT

Board of Trustees: Sam Tolley, Jennifer Barker, Peggy Rector, and Bart Nielsen. Ann Brady was absent and excused.

Others Present: Joe Garcia CCCS President, Linda Gordon Budget Officer, Ron Granger President, Sue Samaniego Foundation Director, Jan Krueger Controller, Colleen Kenney Accounting Coordinator, Lindsey Blake Facilities Director, Angie Miller Human Resource Director, Lisa Krueger Executive Assistant to Vice President of Instruction and Keely Winger Executive Assistant to President

1.0 Call Meeting to Order:

Sam Tolley called Special Session to order at 9:01 a.m.

2.0 Introduction of System President Joe Garcia

- 2.1 Ron Granger introduced President Joe Garcia and explained that President Garcia is here to gain perspective from the Rangely Junior College District Board.
 - 2.2 President Garcia spoke about him traveling to all Community Colleges in the System as the new System President. He runs the system office and provides support to the Community Colleges but wants to make it clear that the College President runs the college.
 - 2.3 President Garcia spoke about how CNCC is different from other colleges in the system. This is the only college in the system that has special taxing district boards, in both Craig and Rangely.
 - 2.4 President Garcia expressed that he wanted to hear from the board members about how they feel things are going, ways the system can support CNCC, and issues that CNCC is experiencing.
 - 2.5 Peggy Rector introduced herself and expressed that her number one concern is enrollment numbers and how those numbers are not increasing when they should be. She feels that numbers in every program should be increasing more than they are each year. She feels we need to encourage students in our local towns to attend CNCC for their first two years because the boards pay for the tuition. She is curious to see if the System has anything that could help and if they can assist in increasing those enrollment numbers.
 - 2.5.1.1 ~~Ron President~~ Granger responded to Peggy Rector's concern and explained that this school year we are up more than we have been in a long time. We are up 100 students and 32 FTE. We are working on targeting our marketing on both campuses; we have hired John Anderson, who is working diligently. We are looking at hiring a CTE recruiter that will focus on recruitment for CTE programs where enrollment numbers are low. CNCC is utilizing our faculty to reach out to the students following recruiting efforts, and this has helped to attract students to those programs.
 - 2.5.1.2 ~~President Ron~~ Granger's goal when he started was to not be the smallest school in the System and as of right now, our enrollment numbers are above Morgan and Lamar. He also address that CNCC is seeing an increase in the number of in-district students over the last several years.
 - 2.5.2 Peggy Rector stated her other concern is how long it takes to get new programs approved.
 - 2.5.2.1 Ron Granger explained the process for offering new classes, starting new programs and the approval process through the Higher Learning Commission.
- 2.6 Sam Tolley stated that he felt he was able to express his concerns last night at dinner.
 - 2.6.1 He felt enrollment was a concern but he does feel that Ron has done what he promised when he first started. He is happy with how the college is going at this point right now.

- 2.6.2 He thinks that financially we are more transparent and moving in the right direction.
- 2.6.3 Sam [Tolley](#) feels that looking at the history of the relationship between the town and the College and he thinks the relationship is much better.
- 2.6.4 He does not feel that we are losing out on many in-district students that are able to attend CNCC because of the classes offered through concurrent enrollment helps those students advance to a university right out of high school.
- 2.7 Bart Neilsen introduced himself and stated he just wants to do what he can to help CNCC be successful and feels that the programs here are great! He has employed many CNCC students over the year.
 - 2.7.1 [President Ron](#) Granger adds that several CNCC students are seen downtown working or being involved in the community.
 - 2.7.2 [Ron](#) Granger feels it is important that our CNCC athletes support the local athletic programs. One thing the athletes do is they go down and engage with the elementary school students and attend high school athletic event when available and able.
- 2.8 Jennifer Barker introduced herself, she expressed her deep connection in both communities and would really like to see the two communities and board work together to strengthen the region.
 - 2.8.1 President Garcia thinks there is a great opportunity here to improve communication and collaboration between the boards and the communities.
- 2.9 Jennifer [Barker](#) addressed that she looks forward to working with President Granger, because he wants to be part of our communities and he gets involved. Ron and his family are involved and that is encouraging.
- 2.10 [Ron](#) Granger brought up the biggest thing that we need to work on is spreading the word of the positive things we are doing at CNCC.
 - 2.10.1 We are going to be as transparent as we possibly can, and he wants the community to understand that they can call and speak with the college at any time. He wants people to understand that we have an open door policy and we need to encourage the community to take advantage of that.
- 2.11 Sam [Tolley](#) wonders if the System can help advertise/market the programs throughout the System colleges and spread the word regarding where certain programs are offered.
 - 2.11.1 President Garcia stated the System just developed videos pertaining to the System colleges as a whole and colleges can utilize these videos to advertise and spread the word. He also suggested using employees and students to help spread the word and let them know we need their help spreading the word about their experience and sense of campus life.
 - 2.11.2 Sam [Tolley](#) inquired if the System website links back to the community colleges websites.
 - 2.11.2.1 President Garcia stated that linking to the community colleges is an option and those links are established. President Granger stated that both the System and CNCC has a [2.11.2.1](#) new website and recommended to check it out if you have not already.
- 2.12 President Garcia feels that the focus here is the traditional student, but suggested that we need to look more at non-traditional students that are looking at coming back to obtain more education or just take a few classes.
 - 2.12.1 He also suggested that we look at diversifying our demographic, and promote affordable education opportunities.
 - 2.12.2 Jan Krueger brought up that the only demographic that is growing in the state is the Hispanic population. When she worked at Colorado Mountain College in Leadville, she started a first generation program that helped with concurrent enrollment as well as first time college attendance. She feels if we started reaching out to the Hispanic demographic; we would be the only school on the western slope making those efforts.
 - 2.12.3 President Garcia agreed that if we could get on the front end of that campaign we could see enrollment increase drastically.
- 2.13 President Garcia asked if there were programs the Board thought we should look at bringing in from the Region and inquired about our facilities health.

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- 2.13.1 Lindsey Blake spoke on behalf of our facilities. She talked about how our structures are in a state of disarray and feels that directly effects enrollment numbers. ~~She Lindsey~~ felt that if we could find funding to invest in our facilities it would be easier to retain and attract students.
- 2.13.2 Sam Tolley feels that in the past we have been penalized for investing in our facilities.
- 2.13.3 Lindsey Blake brought up Controlled Maintenance requests to the state and those requests are only getting us by, but that we need to start investing in the facilities more seriously, however, the financial obligation is cumbersome and we need assistance from the state.
- 2.13.4 Angie Miller and Jennifer Barker agree fully with Lindsey Blake regarding addressing the facilities and the way they "look".
- 2.13.5 ~~Joe~~President Garcia stated that the System is going to the legislator to request more funding for deferred maintenance request.
- 2.13.6 Lindsey Blake addressed that we need things that enhance the student's experience.
- 2.13.7 ~~Joe~~President Garcia did address and state that resources in the state are limited and that is going to continue being the issue.
- 2.13.8 One thing CNCC is working on is identifying the priority of our needs, and we are beginning to address those issues, and needs. Granger feels that the school and board need to start investing in those needs.
 - 2.13.8.1 Ron Granger also addressed that we need to start utilizing all state funding options to keep funding those repairs.
 - 2.13.8.2 Jennifer Barker inquired about a dinner to help fund facilities and any type of fundraising that would help support those expenses.
 - 2.13.8.2.1 Sue Samaniego stated the Foundation is working on a new plan to help fund these needs.
 - 2.13.8.3 Lindsey Blake brought up the fact that her department receives complaints from students regarding things that are not working and is fearful that we might start losing students if we are not able to address those complaints in a timely manner.
- 2.13.9 Ron Granger stated that CNCC has started offering an opportunity for students to bring issues and problems they have on campus to management and build those relationships.
 - ~~2.13.9.1~~2.13.9.1.1 Sam Tolley also inquired about the students' experience and how they like the college and how the community supports them. Being part of a small community college is like being part of a family.
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- 2.13.10 We do have a student ambassador program that helps to introduce students and help them feel welcome on the campuses. It has helped our campus to push the friendliness of CNCC.
- 2.13.11 ~~Joe~~President Garcia asked if there was any other ways the system can help. Funding is all contributed back to enrollment numbers and bringing in additional tuition.
- 2.13.12 Peggy Rector wants the college to be aware of the Reservoir project because it could provide opportunities for the college to offer additional programs.
- 2.14 Sam Tolley would really like to tell the State System thanks for all the support and help we have received over the years.

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3.0 Adjournment

Meeting adjourned by Sam Tolley at 10:40 a.m.