



## College Council

Minutes

July 16, 2024, 3:30 p.m. via Webex

### Voting Members

**Present:** Dr. Deborah Coates (VP of Instruction); Dr. Gary Dukes (VP of Student Services); Holly Haman-Marcum (Centers); Troy McKie (APT Instructional Staff); Bill Miller (Faculty Division Chair – CTE); Tracy Schneider (VP of Administration and Finance); Sally Shawcroft (APT Student Services Staff); Su Wright (Gen Ed Instructor)

**Voting Members Absent:** Lynne Collins (Faculty Senate); Marsha Jesse (Classified Staff); Ewan Magie (SFAC Representative); Connie Mitchell (Faculty Division Chair – Gen Ed); Dr. Jennifer Thistle (Faculty Division Chair – Health Occupations)

### Non-Voting Members

**Present:** Dr. Curt Freed (President); Amanda Dunn (Director of Human Resources); Jane Fries (Assistant to the President); Becky Geltz (Director of Institutional Effectiveness & Planning)

**Non-Voting Members Absent:** Susan Clough (Director of Development); Ariella Gonzales-Vondy (Director of Communications, Marketing, & Recruitment); Michele Hodge (Interim Director of Human Resources)

- 1) **Call to Order/Welcome:** Curt Freed called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m.
- 2) **Standing Reports:**
  - a) **Faculty Senate:** Lynne Collins was absent - no update. Faculty Senate meetings are on hiatus over the summer.
  - b) **State Faculty Advisory Council (SFAC):** Ewan Magie was absent - no update.
  - c) **Student Government Association (SGA):** This position is vacant – no update.
  - d) **State Student Advisory Council (SSAC):** This position is vacant – no update.
  - e) **Colorado Online:**
    - i) Deborah Coates shared that some kinks have been worked out of the Colorado Online sectionizer process. All CCCOnline courses will be fully transitioned to Colorado Online for Fall Semester.
    - ii) MCC offered seven Colorado Online courses during Summer Semester and will offer over thirty during Fall Semester.
    - iii) Deb shared that it was recently discovered that a community college didn't receive their Colorado Online reimbursement for Spring Semester because their schedulers omitted a specific code on their Colorado Online wildcard sections. Tracy Schneider stated that research is underway to determine whether any of MCC's courses were missing the code. If so, the college may receive additional funds from CCCS.
    - iv) Holly Haman-Marcum shared that she had a student who was incorrectly dropped as a no-show before the due date for drops. She worked with Troy McKie, the student, the Instructor, and CCCS to resolve the matter. Holly inquired whether there will be Colorado

Online liaisons this fall to help problem solve issues. Deb Coates said that CCCS has assigned someone to serve as a Colorado Online Liaison and will send the name to Holly and advisors.

- f) **Rural College Consortium:** Deb Coates shared that Dr. Annessa Stulp is the new Director of the Rural College Consortium. There will be five shared programs during Fall Semester. MCC will be offering a class taught by the college's Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence during Fall and Spring Semesters. Brady Michel will teach a Human Diseases course for the consortium. A new Rural College Consortium Scheduler will build the classes. There will be a Rural College Convening September 25 in Otero.
- g) **ACCESS:** Gabe Tolan shared there was no ACCESS meeting in July since a retreat was held in June. The ACCESS retreat was productive. The next meeting is scheduled for August.

3) **Updates:**

- a) **Vice President of Administration Search:** Curt Freed shared that there are currently fourteen candidates in the pool, some of whom don't meet requirements. A Search Committee will be formed soon. Curt noted that since it is a Vice President position, there will be opportunities for college-wide input during the interview process.
- b) **123 E Kiowa Avenue Property:** Curt Freed shared that the building in Fort Morgan currently occupied by Wells Fargo Bank is for sale. Members of President's Staff toured the property. The building, along with the drive-through area and two parking lots are included. The current asking price is \$1.3M. The building is 22K square feet, which puts the price at around \$58/square foot. In contrast, the Dahms-Talton Center for Skilled Trades and Technology under construction at the MCC Fort Morgan campus is costing \$1040/square foot to build. Curt noted that the Kiowa property could provide additional space to expand programs, start new programs, or move programs/offices to downtown. Curt feels that several agencies in the community would be interested in sharing space in the building to provide a hub for community services. The building is owned by the "123 E Kiowa Corporation," which is related to the Bloedorn Foundation Board. Wells Fargo Bank leases the space and is expected to extend their lease another year. The next step is to assemble a focus group to explore the building further with floor plans to determine what it would take to make the building functional for MCC. The Kiowa property would require significant renovations/updates, but the cost would likely still be less than a new build.
- c) **Strategic Plan:** Curt Freed shared that the Expanded President's Staff group will participate in a retreat July 31. The retreat agenda will include creating a footprint for a new Strategic Plan. The current plan 2018-2023 was extended through 2024. Curt hopes to have MCC's plan updated by mid-fall. He noted that the Mission and/or Vision should acknowledge MCC's addition of bachelor's degrees. CCCS will be rolling out their new strategic plan by December.
- d) **HLC Substantive Change Visit July 22-23:** Addition of Bachelor of Applied Science in Business Administration.
  - i) Deborah Coates shared that two Higher Learning Commission (HLC) Visitors will be coming July 22-23 regarding the BAS in Business Administration program.
  - ii) The BAS in BA will be MCC's second baccalaureate program, with the RN to BSN program being the first. MCC is also hoping to offer a BAS in Education, which would also require a site visit from HLC. She is hoping that after HLC approves three baccalaureate programs, further site visits won't be needed to offer additional bachelor's degrees.

- iii) Deb noted that the HLC visitors may have updates regarding MCC's interim report that was submitted in June.
  - iv) If the BAS in BA is approved by HLC, January 2025 would be the earliest the program could be offered.
  - v) The BAS in BA is a consortium model with seven of the thirteen CCCS colleges participating initially. Students would complete an associate's degree first, then take bachelor-level courses (60 credits). Smaller colleges in the consortium would each offer two courses, with larger colleges offering three. All courses would be asynchronous online classes through Colorado Online. However, MCC could offer its courses Hy-flex, if desired.
- 4) **Other:**
- a) Curt Freed shared that Summer Semester enrollment is currently 79 FTE, which is 15 FTE higher than last summer at the same time. The budget target is 63.
  - b) The CARE Forward Colorado grant program provides funding for free courses for short term health care programs. The state has leftover funding in the program to distribute through the System. MCC has requested \$80K in additional funds.
- 5) **College Council Member Comments:**
- a) Bill Miller shared that the drone class in Burlington went well, with twelve middle school students participating.
  - b) Tracy Schneider shared that an architect has created a preliminary design for the Wray Center renovations. She has been working with Lynne Collins and Jennifer Thistle to determine Nurse Aide instruction and testing space requirements. Holly Haman-Marcum and Mindy Centa will be included in the review of the preliminary design. The hope is to begin construction in January/February 2025.
  - c) Deb Coates shared that there will be a series of in-service workshops for faculty during the week the faculty returns. There will also be a series of workshops specifically for new faculty throughout the semester.
  - d) Sally Shawcroft noted there have been significant delays in FAFSA processing. The Financial Aid Department will begin sending out financial aid for 24-25 during the week of July 22. Sally noted that there is no longer a work study question on the FAFSA form, so work-study is being offered to everyone who applies for Financial Aid, and offers will be given on a first come, first served basis. Staff should visit with Janell Sutter if they need work-study help.
- 6) **Audience Comments (non-College Council member participants):** No comments.
- 7) **Adjournment/Next Meeting:** The meeting adjourned at 4:21 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for August 20, 2024.

Minutes by Jane Fries, College Council Recorder/Assistant to the President