



NATIONAL COUNCIL *of*
STATE DIRECTORS *of* COMMUNITY COLLEGES

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NCSDCC Summer Meeting
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MINUTES

August 4

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m by Jim Rose, NCSDCC Chairman.

Business Meeting: The minutes from the 2008 Spring meeting were approved, with one correction. Treasurer Dennis Golladay gave the treasurer's report, which was approved.

National Commission on Community Colleges: Steve Handel, Senior Director of Community College Initiatives, The College Board, and Martin Lancaster, member of the National Commission, presented on the next steps for the Commission's report: *Winning the Skills Race and Strengthening the Middle Class: An Action Agenda for Community Colleges*. Topics addressed included some of the obstacles facing colleges such as rising costs and a mismatch between demands and resources, as well as a culture that has traditionally emphasized access rather than success. Steve and Martin discussed progress made on the recommendations in the report.

Community College Facilities Survey: Darrell Shumway, Community College Practice Leader for Parsons, updated the group on progress with a survey to determine the facilities construction and renovation needs of the nation's community colleges.

Noncredit Workforce Education: Jim Jacobs, President of Macomb Community College presented (by phone) the Community College Research Center's paper *The Landscape of Noncredit Workforce Education: State Policies and Community College Practices..*

AACC Report: George Boggs, President and CEO of AACC, gave an AACC update, highlighting a successful year. He outlined some of the developments in the legislative advocacy area, including outcomes of the Higher Education Act reauthorization. He discussed other focus areas, including protecting associate degree nursing, undocumented students, and a reexamination of how to define community college. He and David Baime discussed AACC's efforts on a voluntary system of accountability for community colleges. James McCormick shared with the group Minnesota's Accountability Dashboard as part of that discussion.

State Level Attacks on Associate Degree Nursing: Roxanne Fulcher, AACC Director of Health Professions Policy and Jim McKenney, AACC VP for Economic and Workforce Development, discussed the latest state policies and legislation to lessen the value of the associate degree in nursing. The group also discussed the dangers of community colleges offering bachelor's of science in nursing degrees.

Open Discussion: The council engaged in a period of open discussion of current state issues. The topics addressed included the latest developments in state legislation and policies towards undocumented students, requirements for community colleges in relation to convicted sex offenders, the new G.I. Bill and other issues with serving veterans and state policies limiting the number of credits required for associate and bachelor's degrees.

Community College Advocacy and Communications: Douglas Gould, President of Douglas Gould and Co. and Earl Hale, consultant to the Bridges to Opportunity Initiative presented Making the Case for Community Colleges: Tools for Communications Advocacy. Topics included the importance of having state and local messages and the need to have a communications and advocacy strategy with various constituencies, especially the public. Strategies for carrying out this mission include workshops and media messages targeted at community leaders, engaging the public directly and honing the message about the multiple missions served by community colleges.

August 5

The meeting started at 7:30 a.m. Douglas Gould and Earl Hale concluded their presentation begun the previous afternoon.

College Tour: The council took a tour of Wilbur Wright College, and heard from representatives of Winzeler Gear and Eli's Cheesecakes, partners with the college in their workforce development services.

Campus Security: John Peters, President of Northern Illinois University, spoke to the council about the shootings on that campus and the lessons learned from the experience. Michael Chamness, Chair of the Illinois Terrorism Task Force spoke about the work of that group relating to campus security.

Community Colleges Survey: Terry Toffelson reported on the Fifty State Systems of Community Colleges Survey, which has had a good response.

August 6

The meeting convened at 8:30 a.m.

Federal Legislative Update: David Baime, AACCC VP of Government Relations, updated the council on the latest federal legislative developments, focusing on the elements of the nearly completed reauthorization of the Higher Education Act.

Adult Education: Cam Preus, Oregon state director, distributed the National Commission on Adult Literacy's final report: Reach Higher America: Overcoming Crisis in the U.S. Workforce. Cam served as a member of the commission. She discussed some of the report's findings and recommendations.

Jim Rose, NCSDDCC Chairman, delivered final comments to the group, and the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.