

NCA STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, July 20, 2005

3:30 P.M., CN301

Present: Rick Beck, Ellen Boswell, Gail Bruce-Sanford, Jennifer Caine, Linda Curran, Joan L. Foster, Kathy Heyl, Frieda Holley, Jeff Johnson, Vonda Knox, Larry Langton, Stephanie Moran, Abel Moreno, Ann Murphy, Ellen Susman, Hal Tamblyn

Absent: Roberta Hills, Julie Strasheim

1. The minutes of the July 13 meeting were approved with no changes.
2. *Role and Mission Statement:* Frieda reported the results of the vote on the wording of the role and mission statement. The version that will be proposed to Dr. Jordan is the following:

Revised Role and Mission of Metropolitan State College of Denver

Metropolitan State College of Denver is a comprehensive, baccalaureate-degree granting, urban college that offers arts and sciences, professional, and business courses and programs to a diverse student population. Excellence in teaching and learning is MSCD's primary objective.

The mission of MSCD is to provide a high-quality, accessible, enriching education that prepares students for successful careers, post-graduate education, and lifelong learning in a multicultural, global, and technological society. To fulfill its mission, MSCD engages diverse internal and external communities in scholarly inquiry, creative activity, and the application of knowledge.

The only change was in the last statement; Steering Committee members preferred leaving the end of the first paragraph the same. Frieda will send the statement to Dr. Jordan.

3. Frieda still had not heard from Dr. Jordan about a possible date for a meeting with the Steering Committee. She will mention it when she sends the revised role and mission statement.
4. Frieda handed out copies of an opinion piece, "College Curriculum Needs Solid Core," by Ann Neal that appeared in the *Rocky Mountain News* and a small portion of a document *The Hollow Core: Failure of the General Education Curriculum*. The document was authored by the American Council of Trustees and Alumni; Ann Neal is the President. ACTA advocates that all students be required to take an economics course. In its study of 50 institutions, not one required economics. The Trustees are interested in the work of this organization.
5. *Procedures for hiring part-time faculty:*
Stephanie reported that the new procedures for hiring part-time faculty and for obtaining official transcripts had been distributed to the deans, associate deans, faculty assistant to the dean, and fiscal managers. HR hoped that the deans' offices would distribute the information to chairs and classified staff.
6. *Break into Criterion Groups:*
Steering Committee members broke into Criterion Groups to discuss and evaluate the criteria analyses, table, and the Self-Study Plan.

