



President's Cabinet Meeting

September 2, 2025

Amazon Business

Presented by Jen Smithwick, Associate Vice President of Finance and Kerrie Lovins, Accounts Payable and Procurement Manager

The Cabinet reviewed a proposal to consolidate college purchasing through Amazon Business. This initiative aims to combine the college under a unified business account to streamline procurement, increase purchasing visibility, achieve cost savings, and support sustainability goals.

- Many departments and employees already use Amazon for college purchases, but spending is spread across individual accounts with little visibility. Amazon Business would provide centralized reporting capabilities, business savings, guided buying policies, and ensure that CC's tax-exemption is applied to all eligible purchases.
- Additional benefits include reduced shipping costs and dedicated customer service to assist with account migration over the 6–8-week transition period. In the long term, this model will be less expensive than the current decentralized approach.

Four Corners Pledge

Presented by Tony Cabasco, Vice President for Enrollment

Building on the success of the Colorado Pledge, the college is preparing to expand tuition access initiatives to the Four Corners region (Arizona, New Mexico, Utah).

Launched in 2019, the Colorado Pledge significantly increased in-state applications and enrollment. The Four Corners Pledge will offer similar benefits to qualifying families in these three additional states while ensuring the college's financial aid resources remain sustainable long-term.

A public announcement is planned for September with outreach to prospective students, families, counselors, and community partners throughout the Southwest to follow. The communications strategy will emphasize how this initiative advances affordability and access while showcasing the unique value of a Colorado College education.

More information is now available on the college's Four Corners Pledge [webpage](#).

Cabinet Updates

Cabinet Meeting Process Improvement: Cabinet meetings will transition to a more collaborative format, with presentation materials shared one week in advance and questions submitted ahead of meetings to facilitate more productive dialogue sessions.