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## Agenda

1. Greetings and Introductions
2. Corrections/Discussion of October Meeting Summary Notes [see handout of DRAFT MINUTES]
3. Budget update
4. Master Planning update and implications for Performance Contract renegotiation
  - a. Socio-economic status and geography more accurate as indicators of risk than race & ethnicity: ideas for “place bound” students.
  - b. What might a performance based approach look like? [see November 3, 2011 CCHE agenda item V, A at [http://highered.colorado.gov/CCHE/Meetings/2011/nov/nov11\\_va.pdf](http://highered.colorado.gov/CCHE/Meetings/2011/nov/nov11_va.pdf)]
  - c. Peer institutions: some submissions are in.
  - d. Performance Contract timeline. S.B. 11-052/§23-5-129(2)(a.5): “...the performance contracts in effect as of July 1, 2010 shall remain in effect until renegotiated as provided in section 23-1-108(1.5) no later than December 1, 2012.”
5. Legislative and policy update
  - a. Admissions policy.
    - i. Should we possibly modify the index and use subscores? [see Index at: <http://highered.colorado.gov/Publications/Policies/Current/i-partf-index.pdf>]
  - b. Your institution’s ideas for legislation?
  - c. Educational Success Task Force approved these proposed bills:
    - i. Require CCHE to develop a system for awarding college credit to adult students for such things as military and professional experience. [see handout Awarding College Credit for Experience]
    - ii. Allow students to earn associate degrees with credits earned at four-year schools.
    - iii. Require districts to consider remedial programs for middle-schoolers.
    - iv. Require school districts to administer the Accuplacer test to all students at least once in high school.

- d. Update on CCHE policy scrub. Subcommittee of AC to consider revisions?
6. Update on DOD Memorandum of Understanding [see handout MOU draft]
  - a. This is voluntary but if your institution signs it you get financial incentives for DOD employees and military personnel. Beware the indemnification clauses.
7. Please recommend someone from your campus to be part of a group to consider if we should use these assessments and what the cut scores should be. Please send recommendations to Ian by Monday, November 14, 2011:
  - a. COMPASS
  - b. ACT and SAT writing
  - c. Colorado specific (something similar to what Kentucky did?)
8. DHE research update. Expect to see results on:
  - a. Student Price Sensitivity: how financial aid packages influence enrollment but also first year retention and degree completion.
  - b. Educator Preparation and Effectiveness: placement context, mobility, persistence, compensation, educator's academic performance and employment, and preparation.
  - c. Student Retention and Transfer Study: historical trend analysis of retention, transfer, and multiple transfers.
  - d. Admissions Standards Policy Impact Study: what admissions factors influence postsecondary success?
  - e. Comprehensive Remedial Analysis: are the state's cut scores reliable and appropriate or should the state should consider recalibrating the cut scores or introducing broader or more holistic reviews of student preparation/readiness or both?
9. Statewide Extended Studies Transition Team update [see November 3, 2011 CCHE agenda item IV, A at [http://highered.colorado.gov/CCHE/Meetings/2011/nov/nov11\\_iva.pdf](http://highered.colorado.gov/CCHE/Meetings/2011/nov/nov11_iva.pdf)]
10. Other Business?