



Academic Council

March 13, 2012
1:00-2:00pm

Community College of Aurora
Student Centre, Room S100 – “The Rotunda”
16000 E. CentreTech Pkwy
Aurora, CO 80011

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MINUTES

1. Greetings and Introductions

In attendance: Peg Bacon, Jess Young, Carol Futhey, Sandy Veltri, George Dennison, Frank Novotny, Barbara Morris, Tom Smith, Kathleen Bollard, Diane Hegeman, Donna Souther, Vicki Golich, Rick Miranda, Geri Anderson, Ian Macgillivray.

2. Corrections/Discussion of February Meeting Summary Notes [see handout] **Approved**

3. Performance Contract reports were due February 1, 2012.

- a. PC Reports received from CSU System, CU System, CCCS, WSC, CMU, FLC, UNC, ASC and CSM (as of March 8, 2012). Waiting on MSCD.
- b. Academic Master Plan Reports received from Aims and CMC (as of January 2012).

4. Master Planning update and implications for Performance Contract renegotiation [see Matt's CCHE March 2 agenda item]

- a. How/if to utilize *Academic Affairs PC Discussion Group*: Geri Anderson, Carol Futhey, George Dennison, Vicki Golich, Kathleen Bollard, Barbara Morris, Frank Novotny, LeeAnn Sappington (Director of Institutional Effectiveness and Assessment, Aims). **Agreed to keep this group tabled in case it's needed. The three big master planning meetings for CAOs, CFOs, and CSAOs (March 13, April 17, and May 8) may have supplanted this group.**
- b. Timeline for 2012:
 - March – April: DHE staff to work with campus administrators to identify strategies and metrics subsumed under each goal.

- May 2012: CCHE and Governing Board forum? CCHE to consider penultimate draft of Master Plan and have to IHEs by June 1?
 - June: Draft Master Plan shared with campuses, governing boards for comment.
 - July: CCHE considers feedback; any changes adopted by the CCHE will be resubmitted to campuses.
 - September 1: CCHE acts on final Master Plan.
 - Sept – December: CCHE negotiates performance contracts with each governing board.
 - December 1: All contracts must be in place.
5. PWR Endorsed Diploma Criteria [see handout with latest revised criteria]
- a. Governing boards that have approved the criteria: CU Regents (2-1-12), CSUS (2-9-12), CCCS (2-8-12), FLC (3-2-12).
 - b. Will go to UNC in May. First readings at CMU, WSC & ASC.
6. Issues around Ensuring Seamless Transfer
- a. DHE collected all cut scores for AP, IB and CLEP tests from the 4-year institutions and will give them to CCCS. **This was mailed to CCCS 3/14/2012.**
 - CCCS, ASC & Aims agreed to go with the highest scores.
 - CMC and WSC want more time to discuss whether they will go with the highest cut scores.
 - CMU wants to know what the highest scores are before agreeing to use them. How to get CMU this information?
 - FLC has some questions [see handout] **This was tabled until next time when the cut score list may be complete.**
7. Does/should gtPathways apply only to LAS degrees or to all associate's and bachelor's degrees?
- a. At the last meeting we acknowledged that §23-1-108.5(2)(c) states, "General education courses" means the group of courses offered by an institution of higher education that every student enrolled in the institution must successfully complete to attain an associate's or bachelor's degree" and that CCHE Policy I, L: Statewide Transfer Policy, section 5.02, states, "...in all majors at all public institutions..." The policy also defines "general education" as "...the general body of knowledge and skills that the recipient of any undergraduate degree conferred by an institution should possess."
 - b. However, the law has been implemented only in regards to LAS degrees because of national accrediting body requirements for non-LAS degrees and the inability to fit gtPathways requirements into some degrees and keep the total credit hours within a reasonable limit. Academic Council thus agreed that if it's necessary to change anything it should be statute that gets changed.
 - c. DHE suggests that statute be modified to give CCHE the authority to grant waivers from participation in gtPathways for non-LAS degrees, similar to how CCHE currently grants waivers from the 120 credit limit for some degrees. This could be a bill next year OR it could be an amendment to HB 12-1155 this session. What do you think? **Academic Council agreed their preference would be to change the law to apply only to LAS degrees and not have to do the paperwork of getting waivers from CCHE.**
8. Other Business?
- a. **The issue came up in the March 12, 2012 GE Council and the question has been brought before Academic Council, "Should GE Council and/or discipline groups of faculty be able to review the curriculum of institutions' degrees with emphasis/concentrations and decide if the degree can be included in a Statewide Articulation Agreement?" GE Council wants evidence of a "prescribed degree program" with a reasonable number of upper division credits required in the discipline for**

a degree with emphasis/concentration to be able to participate in a Statewide Articulation Agreement.

- b. Academic Council agreed GE Council is overstepping its bounds with this request and that any institution that thinks it has a degree that could be a part of a Statewide Articulation Agreement should be able to participate in the process of negotiating and agreeing to the terms of the final articulation agreement without a review of the content of its degree. Academic Council ruled that since the curriculum of degrees are set by the faculty at the institution and are approved by regional accrediting bodies that it is not the place of GE Council or a faculty group appointed by GE Council to re-review degree programs at other institutions.