



Academic Council

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1:00-3:00pm

Department of Higher Education
1560 Broadway -Suite 1600 - Denver, CO 80202

Call-in Number: 1-877-820-7831; Access code: 215368#

Meeting Notes

1. Greetings and Introductions

- a. Attendance: Geri Anderson, Jon Bellum, Kathleen Bollard, Carol Futhey, Vicki Golich, Diane Hegeman, Rick Miranda, Barbara Morris, Frank Novotny, Donna Souther, Brad Tyndall, Robbyn Wacker, Kevin Nelson

2. Corrections/Discussion of May Meeting Summary Notes [see handout: 2012-5-8 - NOTES-AC] **Approved.**

3. August meeting?

- a. Historically one summer meeting has been cancelled.
- b. **August meeting cancelled**

4. Master Planning Update

a. Timeline:

- June 28 - Governing Board Summit at Federal Reserve.
- August 2-3 – CCHE Retreat (CMC): will discuss IHE feedback on proposed metrics.
 - **CCHE will not meet in July**
 - **Metrics – working with NCHEMS to establish & Matt's June CCHE agenda item has the metrics outlined and explained**
 - **The commissioners will be meeting this week to revise the draft master plan**
- September 1 – goals and metrics must be set; CCHE adopts Master Plan.
- September – December: CCHE negotiates performance contracts with each governing board.
- December 1: All contracts must be in place.

- b. How can members of AC help DHE and the Commission communicate the outcomes of the 3 meetings with your CEO and your campus at large? Should DHE/CCHE come to your campus and give a presentation? Last time AC asked for:

- [see handout: CCHE agenda item VI-A_Master Plan Update-May 4-2012]

- CCHE agenda item VI-A_Master Plan Update-June 7-2012 will be linked at <http://higher.ed.colorado.gov/CCHE/Meetings/2012/jun/jun12index.html>
- Draft Master Plan is not ready yet.
- DHE invited to ASC Dept. Chair retreat August 15 (Who from DHE? Also, DHE's CFO will present to ASC's Board in July).
- CU Board meeting in June (Lt. Governor invited)
 - Matt and Joe to present at the CU Board of Regents meeting this month
 - Matt presented to SBCCOE last month.

5. Work Groups to Address Recent Legislation

- SB 12-45 "Higher Ed Associate Degree Transfer" signed into law. Directs CCHE to work with the state's colleges and universities to develop a process to notify students who satisfy the eligibility requirements to receive an associate's degree. DHE will need to write a rule for this bill's implementation. Dr. Kim Poast's "Admissions/Transfer Policy Group" will work on this at some point soon. Jon Bellum, Judi Diaz Bonacquisti, and Carol Futhey will be invited to join. **Ian will follow up with Kim.**
- HB 12-1155 "Improvements in College Completion," requires DHE to take action on the issues of flexibility in remediation and writing a rule for CCHE to authorize an IHE to offer supplemental academic instruction. The Remedial Task Force workgroup will work on this. Barbara Morris and Sonia Brandon are already on it. Kevin and Sheila, if you'd like to be on it please contact tamara.johnson@dhe.state.co.us **Ian will follow up with Tamara for update.**
- gtPathways Waivers from CCHE. HB 12-1155 add the following language to C.R.S. 23-1-125(3): IN CREATING AND ADOPTING THE GUIDELINES, THE DEPARTMENT AND THE COMMISSION, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION, MAY MAKE ALLOWANCES FOR BACCALAUREATE PROGRAMS THAT HAVE ADDITIONAL DEGREE REQUIREMENTS RECOGNIZED BY THE COMMISSION.
 - Need to work out a process to bring degree programs to CCHE for gtPathways waivers?
 - **GE Council agreed that the institution will submit a list of programs for which they want waivers.**
 - **Agreed on this outline for the list of degrees:**
 - Institution**
 - School or College**
 - List of degree programs**
 - Additional info (optional), e.g., accreditor, number of credits, narrative.**
 - **All agreed to attempt this list and see who has come up with what in September.**

6. Follow-up: Issues around Ensuring Seamless Transfer

- DHE collected all cut scores for AP, IB and CLEP tests from the 4-year institutions and delivered them to CCCS. Are these in a spreadsheet now? **Yes, it was sent out 6/12/12. Please verify accuracy and send corrections to Geri.anderson@cccs.edu**
 - 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. **Will decide by next meeting.**
 - CMU wants to know what the highest scores are before agreeing to use them. How to get CMU this information? **Will decide by next meeting.**
 - FLC response to AC's questions [see handout: Fort Lewis response] AC decided this communication should be shared with Dr. Kim Poast because it can inform the work of the Admissions/Transfer Task Force. Ian will share and discuss with Dr. Poast.

- b. DANTES tests and scores collected from the institutions below. What shall Ian do with them? **Geri will add the DANTES information to the spreadsheet. Ian will forward to Geri once he has them all.**
- YES: CCCS, CMU, CSU-P, FLC, ASU, Aims, CMC
 - NO: UCCS, UCB, WSCU
 - ?: CSU, MSCD, CSM (email reminder sent 6/13)
- c. How to ensure consistency across the state for students? Do we need to standardize or create a policy saying institutions will honor one another's admission decisions? **Could be difficult because of different roles and missions.** Should this go in the admissions policy or transfer policy? Must take into consideration the following points:
- Competency Testing & Credit for Prior Learning [C.R.S. 23-1-125(4)]: "...the commission shall, in consultation with each public institution of higher education, define a process for students to test out of core courses..." HB 12-1072 *Concerning Credit for Prior Learning* added "(4.5) Prior learning. Beginning in the 2012-14 academic year, each public institution of higher education shall adopt and make public a policy or program to determine academic credit for prior learning" to [C.R.S. 23-1-125]. Does everybody already have this?
 - Transferring Credit. Potential issue to work out—when one institution accepts and awards fulfillment of a gtPathways requirement for a course that other institutions do not accept. **One system is still following up on this. Appears to apply only to one institution in one instance? This also opened a discussion brought up in GE Council yesterday about the original intent of gtPathways and what it means for an institution's gen ed core to be aligned to gtPathways. Two ways of interpreting "alignment:" 1) alignment to the 31 credits and courses spelled out on the gtPathways curriculum on DHE's website or 2) alignment to the competencies and criteria regardless of the configuration of courses and credits. AC members were encouraged to look at the Performance Contracts for insight on intent when those were written.**
 - [C.R.S. 23-1-125(1)(e)]: "Students, upon completion of core general education courses, regardless of the delivery method, should have those courses satisfy the core course requirements of all Colorado public institutions of higher education;" The point here is, the moment an institution gives core course credit, it's there on the student's transcript and it should satisfy core course requirements at ALL public institutions.
 - DHE's recommendation for a policy statement in response to "c" above: "We all honor one another's decisions." If not this, then what?
 - Last thing: There are currently 3 CCHE policies that are all related to this discussion:
 - 1) I, E: Statewide Remedial Education Policy
[\[http://highered.colorado.gov/Publications/Policies/Current/i-parte.pdf\]](http://highered.colorado.gov/Publications/Policies/Current/i-parte.pdf)
 - 2) I, F: Admissions Standards Policy
[\[http://highered.colorado.gov/Publications/Policies/Current/i-partf.pdf\]](http://highered.colorado.gov/Publications/Policies/Current/i-partf.pdf)
 - 3) I, L: Statewide Transfer Policy
[\[http://highered.colorado.gov/Publications/Policies/Current/i-partl.pdf\]](http://highered.colorado.gov/Publications/Policies/Current/i-partl.pdf)
- Question: Should these 3 policies be collapsed into one policy? Why or why not?
AC agreed this discussion should be taken up by the Admissions/Transfer Task Force. Also highlights the need to keep AC in the loop with the work of that task force.
7. Follow up on decision to allow degrees with emphases/concentrations to participate in articulation agreements.
- a. Ian will report outcomes from previous day's GE Council meeting.
 - a. **Degrees with emphases seem to have been worked out with GE Council and AC seems fine with solution.**
8. Update on CCHE decisions:

- a. CCHE approved FTE allocations for NM-CO Tuition Reciprocity Agreement, academic years 2012-2015 [see handout: CCHE agenda item approving FTE enrollment for NM-CO Tuition Reciprocity].
 - a. Request to form similar agreement with Utah.
 - b. Margot Plotz has reached out to all contiguous states to see if CO can form agreements with them. They have not responded.
 - c. Ian sent Utah Commissioner Sederburg an email with this request on 6/13/12. If there's no response, Ian will ask Lt. Governor Garcia to reach out to Utah's Lt. Governor, per AC's request.
- b. Institutions may now offer bachelor's degrees in Early Childhood and CCHE will consider allowing bachelor's degrees in Elementary Education at the June 7 meeting [see handout: CCHE agenda item allowing Bachelor's degrees in Elementary Ed].
 - a. If your institution wants to offer a baccalaureate in ECE or EI Ed, it now is allowable but it needs to go through the degree program approval process.
- c. CCHE approved COF eligibility for some Extended Studies programs [see handout: CCHE agenda item approving COF for Extended Studies programs] and revised the Statewide Extended Studies Policy (it went from 27 to 7 pages) [see handout: Statewide Extended Studies-CCHE Policy IV].

9. Other Business?

- a. Margot Plotz is leaving DHE for a position at McREL effective June 27, 2012. Please email ian.macgillivray@dhe.state.co.us with any items that would normally have gone to Margot.
- b. Geri – DHE is writing a grant to Lumina in support of reverse transfer. Pilot program already includes MSCD and UCD. If other institutions are interested, please contact Kim.Poast@dhe.state.co.us by this week.