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Meeting Notes

1. Greetings and Introductions

In attendance: Jon Bellum (CSU-Global Camus), Kathleen Bollard (CU System), David Moon for Mary Coussons-Read (UCCS), Steve Werman for Carol Futhy (CMU), Vicki Golich (MSU Denver), Diane Hegeman (CCCS), Jerry Migler (CCCS), Rick Miranda (CSU), Barbara Morris (FLC), Bill Niemi (WSCU), Donna Norwood (Aims), Frank Novotny (ASU), Robbyn Wacker (UNC) and Carl Wright (CSU-Pueblo).

2. Legislative Update (Chad Marturano, Director of Legislative Affairs)

Jon reported out on CSU-Global Campus's legislation.

3. Approval of Last Meeting's Notes [see handout: 2013-01-14 - NOTES-AC]

Approved

4. Concurrent Enrollment Information Requested

- Latest report:
http://higher.ed.colorado.gov/stats/track.asp?mtr=/Publications/Reports/Enrollment/FY2012/2012_Concurrent_Enrollment_Feb_2013.pdf
- DHE Fact Sheet:
<http://www.cde.state.co.us/postsecondary/dheconcurrentenrollmentfactsheet>
 - Higher education institution is responsible for:
 - Course content
 - Placement of student in course
 - Quality of instruction
- CDE Resources: http://www.cde.state.co.us/postsecondary/ce_districtresources

5. DHE Web Traffic Statistics

- At the last meeting, a question was asked about traffic on DHE webpages. This link will take you to a page that displays the most viewed webpages by day, week, month, and etc.:
<http://higher.ed.colorado.gov/webstats/mostviewed.asp>

AC asked if numbers of hits is available. DHE staff are able to pull this data when requested for a given period of time but it is not available as a link like the one above.

6. SARA and CCHE Policy I, T: Student Complaints [see handout: *i-partt-DRAFT-2014-01-30.docx*]
- CCHE Policy I, L: Student Complaints is being vetted (sent out 1/30/14). The plan is to take it to CCHE's March meeting for approval. Remember, the language being added applies only to institutions that choose to participate in SARA.
 - DHE has an internal procedure for handling student complaints and staff are revising it as needed.
 - Next step is for Colorado to submit the state application to WICHE by April 11, 2014.
 - USDOE may open up rulemaking again on this topic, and there is a chance they will reinstate the federal requirement for institutions to be authorized in states in which they operate. This requirement was previously struck down by the courts on a procedural technicality. If USDOE does reinstate this, the compliance date is likely to be July 1, 2015.
 - Further guidance from WICHE: DRAFT of the new complaint resolution policy from WICHE [See: *Consumer Protection SECOND DRAFT.pdf*]. CCHE's policy must be in line with this policy. The draft CCHE Policy I, T (provided above) is in line with this WICHE policy. The WICHE policy makes it clear that the final resolution for student complaints rests with the state for purposes of adjudication and enforcement. WICHE would in no way be able to overturn a state's decision on a student complaint. However, if one SARA state believes another SARA state is not holding an institution to SARA standards, that state can raise the issue with WICHE. If there is a problem that involves two states in different regions, the National Council may be requested to assist. It is possible that a student complaint may be used as a "case file" in such situations for purposes of determining whether states are complying with SARA standards. Also, please remember that student grades and conduct issues are not considered by SARA under any circumstance. This new complaint policy will be reviewed by the National Council, so it is not yet approved. Institutions offering licensure programs to residents of other states must provide to students, in writing, whether or not the program leads to licensure in the student's state of residence and contact information for the licensing agency.

General agreement to add the Consumer Protection items required by W-SARA, send draft policy back out, and take to CCHE in March for final approval.

7. Backlash against Colorado Academic Standards/Common Core
- Clarification from CDE: We have found a need to tap into supporters of Colorado's new standards from higher ed to provide a counterbalance to critiques that appear in the news. We want to be able to work with some of our supporters in higher ed to coordinate some op eds as needed. Contact: Colsman_M@cde.state.co.us and Julie.Poppen@dhe.state.co.us
 - SB 14-136 introduced 1/27/14: CONCERNING IMPLEMENTATION OF STANDARDS-BASED EDUCATION, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, DELAYING ADMINISTRATION OF NEW STATEWIDE ASSESSMENTS BY ONE YEAR AND CREATING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY IMPLEMENTATION OF COLORADO ACADEMIC STANDARDS.
- Ian re-sent the previous invitation to forward to faculty to be item reviewers for the PARCC assessments.
8. CCHE Policy I, L: Statewide Transfer Policy [see handout: *i-partl_revision_2014-01-15_IKM.docx*]
- Ian has not received any requested changes. The only change to this version from the one sent out at the last meeting was tweaking the footnote on accepting credits from area vocational schools (section 5.02.05 and repeated for 8.06).
 - Will be on Commission's March 14, 2014 agenda for approval (note this date is corrected from the last meeting's agenda). Reminder: CCHE policies are not set in stone. They're easy to revise and reapprove when needed.

AC agreed this should move to CCHE in March for final approval.

9. Items of Interest on February 14 CCHE Agenda (<http://higher.ed.colorado.gov/CCHE/Meetings/>)

- RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF MASTER OF ARTS IN CREATIVE WRITING AT WESTERN STATE COLORADO UNIVERSITY
- DEGREE AUTHORIZATION ACT: ECPI UNIVERSITY- REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION AS A PLACE OF BUSINESS
- REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO OFFER SUPPLEMENTAL ACADEMIC INSTRUCTION FROM WESTERN STATE COLORADO UNIVERSITY

10. Other Business?

Agreed to cancel March meeting if not enough agenda items. Ian will notify AC one week prior to the meeting.