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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of Academic Council and GE 25 Council

FROM: Vicki A. Leal

DATE: September 26, 2006

SUBJECT: Call to Conference – 20th Annual Faculty-to-Faculty Conference

Greetings All,

Per earlier notifications to members of Academic Council, GE 25 Council and others, this year's 20th Annual Faculty-to-Faculty Conference will be held Friday, October 13, 2006, at the **Sheraton Denver Tech Center, 7007 South Clinton Street, Englewood, CO 80112, phone: 303-799-6200**. This year the conference will feature a K-16 theme, while accommodating the yearly content group faculty to faculty discussions during the afternoon schedule of the conference's agenda. The purpose of this year's conference is twofold: 1) to focus on the state's post-secondary institutions' role in the K-16 education pipeline; and 2) to provide a context within which two-year and four-year faculty can discuss issues of transfer articulation, credit by examination, assessment and accountability within their respective disciplines. Faculty involvement within the retention process, including the discussion of transfer issues and assessment, is essential; faculty facilitation of student learning outcomes and matriculation/retention processes is critical for a strong, robust state system of post-secondary education.

In addition to the K-16 focus of the conference, the Commission's Chief Academic Officer, Matt Gianneschi, will provide a brief overview of current policy issues, on both a statewide as well as a national level and a short summary of what has transpired over the course of this past year. Presentations on state demographics, provided by WICHE, (Western Interstate Conference for Higher Education), Accelerated Learning Opportunities, a keynote luncheon address by administrators of Colorado's Education Alignment Council and afternoon faculty breakout/discussion groups will complete the day's agenda.

The conference agenda is available as a link at the gtPathways website; a link to a map of the Sheraton Denver Tech Center is included in this memo. Faculty from the following academic areas are invited to attend this year's conference:

Arts and Humanities
Mathematics
Social and Behavioral Sciences

Natural and Physical Sciences
Communication
Teacher Education

This year, I have capped the number of conference attendees at 150, with no institutional attendance limits; however, I would like to make every attempt to ensure a balanced attendance/representation of faculty from both the two and four year sectors. **Please note that CCHE mileage reimbursements will not be available this year for faculty attending the conference.** Rather, we are requesting that the institutions assist with the cost of travel to and from the conference, as the CCHE has not limited the number of faculty invitees but has changed the venue in order to better accommodate a potentially higher number of conference participants.

Faculty traveling from outside of the metro area may use the following phone number for arranging overnight accommodations:

1-800-325-3535, (attendees are encouraged to inform reservationists that they are state employees and qualify for the state employee discount). A map with driving directions may be accessed at the link below:

<http://www.metrotravelguide.com/hotelinfo/Englewood/CO/USA/29650/>

Please send me the names of the faculty who will represent your institution at the conference, or, have the faculty contact me directly with their RSVPs, either via phone or email **NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 11, 2006**. I will be assembling packets and nametags for the faculty participants, and will need advance names/numbers of conference attendees in order to successfully facilitate conference logistics.

The conference link will be available on the CCHE website by Wednesday, September 27, 2006.

Please contact me should you have any questions or concerns, 303-866-2723, vicki.leal@cche.state.co.us

cc: Matt Gianneschi