

COLORADO COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

October 3, 2002
Adams State College
Alamosa, Colorado

MINUTES

Commissioners

Present: Judith Altenberg; Terrance L. Farina; David E. Greenberg; Peggy Lamm, Chair; "Pres" Montoya; Ralph J. Nagel; Dean Quamme, Vice Chair; James Stewart; William Vollbracht; and Judy Weaver.

Advisory Committee

Present: Wayne Artis; and Derek Johnson.

Commission Staff

Present: Timothy E. Foster, Executive Director; Brian Burnett; JoAnn Evans; Rick Hum; Joan Johnson; Ray Kieft; Diane Lindner; and Bridget Mullen.

I. Call to Order

Chair Peggy Lamm called the regular meeting of the Colorado Commission on Higher Education to order at 7:35 a.m. in the College Center at Adams State College in Alamosa, Colorado.

Action: Commissioner Nagel moved approval of the minutes of the August 1-2, 2002, meeting. Commissioner Greenberg seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

II. Reports

A. Chair's Report

Chair Lamm introduced Dr. Thomas Gilmore, President of Adams State College, and thanked him for hosting the October Commission meeting. Dr. Gilmore briefly welcomed the Commission and the higher education community to Adams State College. In his brief presentation Dr. Gilmore pointed out that if it were not for Adams State College being located in Alamosa, many local San Luis Valley students would not be able to attend college.

Chair Lamm also welcomed Senator Lewis Entz to the meeting.

B. Commissioners' Reports

No reports.

C. Advisory Committee Reports

Dr. Wayne Artis, representative of the Colorado Faculty Advisory Committee (CFAC), reported that Executive Director Foster met with the CFAC Council during the past month. This meeting provided an opportunity to explore various ideas, and CFAC will be submitting a recommendation to CCHE.

D. Public Comment

None.

III. Consent Items

A. 2003 Commission Meeting Schedule

The Commission will meet eight times during the year 2003 for regular meetings. Teleconference or special meetings may be scheduled based upon need. During the months of January through April 2003, the Commission will meet on Friday afternoons, and during the months of May through December 2003, the Commission will meet on Thursday mornings.

2003 MEETING SCHEDULE

Date	Location
January 10, 2003	Colorado History Museum, Denver
February 7, 2003	Red Rocks Community College, Lakewood
March 7, 2003	Colorado History Museum, Denver
April 4, 2003	Denver Public Library, Denver
May 1, 2003	Community College of Aurora
June 5, 2003	Auraria Higher Education Center, Denver
August 7-8, 2003	Gottesfeld Room, University of Denver
October 2, 2003	Fort Lewis College, Durango
November 6, 2003	Colorado State University, Fort Collins

Staff Recommendation

That the Commission approve the 2003 meeting schedule.

Action: Commissioner Altenberg made a motion to move Action Items IV, D - Proposed Statutory Change for Funding Technology Advancement Grants; IV, G - University of Northern Colorado Request for Three Program Plan Waivers; IV, H - Arapahoe Community College Facilities Master Plan 2002; and IV, J - University of Colorado-Health Infrastructure 5A Project to consent, and moved to approve the five consent items. Commissioner Greenberg seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

IV. Action Items

A. Election of Officers

Commission Bylaws require that the Commission elect a chair and vice-chair to serve for the next year.

Staff Recommendation

That the Commission elect a chair and vice-chair to serve through its October 2003 meeting.

Action: Commissioner Quamme made a motion to nominate Peggy Lamm as chair of the Commission for October 2002 through October 2003. Commissioner Greenberg seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Action: Commissioner Farina made a motion to nominate James Stewart as vice chair of the Commission for October 2002 through October 2003. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

B. Base Funding of the Trustees of the State Colleges in Colorado

Brian Burnett, Chief Financial Officer of CCHE, reported that the base funding for the State Colleges was outlined in agenda item IV, B, titled, "Base Funding for the State Colleges in Colorado." Mr. Burnett briefly explained the purpose and history of issues including the study of costs and establishment of the base funding for Adams State College, Mesa State College, and Western State College. House Bill 02-1165, which established the Metropolitan State College of Denver as an independent institution, mandated that the Trustees of the State Colleges in Colorado for the three remaining rural schools perform a cost study in the system.

The Commission then asked the Trustees of the State Colleges, including system Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Lee Halgren, Chairman Dale Mingleton, and other trustees and officials to address the Commission about the results and recommendations of the funding study. The Trustees made brief opening comments. Vice President for Finance, Dr. Linda Curran, made a formal presentation on the methodologies and recommendations.

The presentation detailed the methods that were utilized to arrive at a request of a \$14.65 million state General Fund increase for the three schools. At the conclusion of the formal presentation, discussion between the Trustees and the Commission took place regarding the request and the need for support of these three institutions. Mr. Mingleton noted that the CCHE staff recommendation of \$7.4 million, while substantially less than the \$14.65 million request, would be of great assistance to the viability of the three institutions.

Mr. Burnett then finished reviewing agenda item IV, B with members of the Commission and answered questions regarding staff recommendations about the amount and possible covenants that should be applied to any new funds appropriated by the General Assembly. Members of the Commission generally felt that some covenant about reserving a portion of the new funding for financial stability was warranted, given the financial outlook for the three schools.

Staff Recommendation

That the Commission approve an addition to its base budget, pursuant to 23-1-104 (6)(b), C.R.S. of \$4,000,000 in Fiscal Year 03-04 and \$3.4 million in FY 04-05 for the three remaining schools in the Trustees of the State Colleges. This recommendation suggests that covenants should be created between CCHE and the three institutions with respect to use of a portion of these additional base funds appropriated by the General Assembly to ensure that some of the funds are set aside in reserve to provide future sustainability for each school.

Action: Commissioner Greenberg moved approval of the staff recommendation with the caveat of more restrictive covenants than staff suggested on page 10 of the agenda item. Commissioner Nagel seconded the motion. Discussion then ensued about how to approach the covenant issue with the three institutions. The Commission requested that staff work with the Trustees and the institutions about the appropriate terms and amounts of covenants that should be applied to some or all of the new base funds appropriated to the schools. The motion carried unanimously, on a vote of 10-0.

Commissioner Greenberg also requested that a future agenda item be brought back to the Commission on the subject of the base funding covenants.

C. FY 2003-2004 Operating Budget Request to the General Assembly

Brian Burnett, CCHE Chief Financial Officer, and Bridget Mullen, Financial Analyst, outlined the FY 2003-2004 budget recommendations for the submission to the General Assembly. Executive Director Foster and Chair Peggy Lamm then invited the audience to speak to the Commission about the staff's budget recommendations.

President Elizabeth Hoffman of the University of Colorado System discussed CU system's position that tuition should not increase at expected inflationary levels of 1.8%. Rather, President Hoffman suggested that the Commission consider 4% over inflation to help the institutions absorb continuing General Fund reductions. Further, President Hoffman suggested that the Commission defer a decision on tuition increases until some time in the future. Director Foster offered his assessment that the budget had to meet deadlines and that deferring a decision at this time was not practical.

Mr. Robert Moore, Vice President of Administration at the Colorado School of Mines, also supported the staff recommendation that full enrollment funding be restored to the governing boards based on the latest enrollment figures. Mr. Moore also explained that the School of Mines supported the inclusion of budget amounts to support the agreement between the Commission and the Trustees of the School of Mines. Mr. Moore also explained some of the difficulty that the School of Mines was having with out-of-country students obtaining visas and the financial implications for the institution.

President Hoffman discussed the merits of the "Quality for Colorado" proposal for the Boulder, Denver and Colorado Springs campuses, and urged the Commission to adopt the CU request, despite staff recommendations against formal adoption by the Commission.

Mr. Ed Bowditch, Vice Chancellor for Administration of the Colorado State University System, briefed the Commission on two letters he distributed on behalf of the Board of Governors of the CSU System. Mr. Bowditch expressed the sentiment of President Yates and the Board with respect to various Commission budget items. He presented a new proposal from the Board of Governors which requested that the Commission also consider a proposal for substantial [\$225 per year for four years] tuition increases in CSU-Ft. Collins tuition so that tuition at this institution would not deviate greatly from the CU campuses. Mr. Bowditch discussed the proposal but no formal Commission action was taken on the request.

Mr. George Delaney, Vice President for Budget and Finance for the Community Colleges of Colorado, outlined the request for the state's community colleges. Mr. Delaney supported requesting the General Assembly to fully fund enrollment at all institutions and the increases recommended for need-based financial aid. He reported there is a need for additional funding for high-cost programs such as nursing and technology.

The Commission listened to the testimony of these officials of these institutions of higher education and a motion was made by Commissioner Greenberg to accept staff recommendations for the budget request.

Staff Recommendation

That the Commission accept the staff recommendations (included in agenda item IV, C) for the FY 2003-2004 operating budget request to the General Assembly. Further, staff recommended that the Commission implement a policy whereby any tuition increases above those recommended by the Commission force a reexamination of the funding formula distribution among the Governing Boards.

Action: Commissioner Nagel moved approval of the staff recommendations with flexibility for higher education system. The caveat is that in light of the current economic situation, the Commission will continue to monitor information on availability of general funds and tuition strategies to support the proposed recommendations to the general assembly. Commissioner Montoya seconded the motion.

President Hoffman again addressed the Commission and asked for reconsideration of the "Quality for Colorado" request for the Boulder campus since staff's main recommendation was to wait on the work of the Blue Ribbon panel before moving forward with any tuition increase proposal at UC-Boulder. Commissioner Greenberg amended the above motion that the tuition proposal for UC-Boulder be incorporated into the Commission's recommendation. Commissioner Farina seconded the amendment and the amendment failed on a vote of 3-6, with one abstention and one absent.

The Commission then unanimously adopted the staff recommendation (Nagel/Montoya motion) for its budget submission to the General Assembly on November 1, 2002, for FY 2003-2004.

D. Proposed Statutory Change for Funding Technology Advancement Grants

The state's funding for advanced technology grants (TAG) was significantly reduced during the 2002 legislative session due to budgetary challenges. Restoring a significant portion of the TAG funding can be argued as one important strategy that the state use to fuel an economic recovery and continue the diversification of the state's economy and tax base. It is suggested that CCHE consider pursuing a statutory modification to this current provision that limits use of waste tire funds to recycling technologies only so that this revenue stream could be used for other advanced technology grants. This would broaden the use of existing cash funds that continue to be appropriated to TAG. Through such a strategy, in combination with private matching funds that have been committed by the Colorado Institute of Technology, nearly 46% of the original funding levels could be restored to the program.

Staff Recommendation

That the Commission approve the concept of pursuing statutory changes for presentation to the General Assembly in the 2003 legislative session to restore a significant portion of the TAG program to previously funded levels.

Action: Approved under consent.

E. Performance Funding System for FY 2003-04

Dr. Ray Kieft introduced the agenda item and stated that this was the fourth year of a performance funding system and, as expected, change from year to year was diminishing. A goal when initially established was to attain stability in the process, the indicators, and the scoring. Only one significant change was part of this year's performance of institutions in national or regional comparison groups at the upper quartile. Dr. Kieft identified the representatives of the governing boards, Colorado Faculty Advisory Council (CFAC), and Colorado Student Association (CSA), that had participated in developing the system. All the representatives and groups support the system. The performance funding system complies with the statutory directives regarding the allocation of general fund.

Commissioner Altenberg asked what amount of new general fund was incorporated in performance funding the previous year. Dr. Kieft responded \$9 million was appropriated for performance funding. The amount of new general fund that would be devoted to

performance funding this year will not be known until the general fund appropriation to higher education is known and funding for increased enrollment is accomplished.

Staff Recommendation

That the Commission adopts the performance funding system for FY 2003-04.

Action: Commissioner Stewart moved approval of the staff recommendation. Commissioner Vollbracht seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

F. Prioritization of Capital Projects FY 03-04

Joan Johnson, Director of Capital Assets, reported that the CCHE Subcommittee on Capital Assets met at the CCHE offices on September 11, 2002, and recommend the following capital projects for fiscal year 2003-04:

1. Program Plan Waiver Request for the Arapahoe Community College Project - Telephone Switch and Life Safety Upgrades;
2. The following seven projects, in priority order, will be sent to the Capital Development Committee for funding consideration in FY 03-04:
 - a. School of Mines - Green Center Decontamination, Phase 1 - \$519,779
 - b. University of Northern Colorado - Ross Hall, 6th & final phase - \$3,828,875
 - c. University of Southern Colorado - H.P.E.R. Renovation, Phase 1 - \$2,209,315
 - d. Community College of Aurora - Campus Maintenance Facility - \$116,051
 - e. Trinidad State Junior College - Telephone System - \$397,122
 - f. University of Northern Colorado - Building/Infrastructure Renewal, Phase 1, \$635,825
 - g. Arapahoe Community College - Littleton Campus - Telephone Switch and Life Safety Upgrades - \$254,100

TOTAL: \$7,961,067

3. The Program Plan for the Community Colleges of Colorado Lowry Higher Education Center Site & Utility Plan, Project 1 - \$1,904,500 was rescinded;
4. The following cash-funded projects will be forwarded to the Capital Development Committee:

Colorado State University System:

Engineering Entrance Enhancement & Office Addition - \$896,025
VTH Diagnostic Equipment - \$1,320,193
Bioenvironmental Research Bldg Expansion - \$10,250,000

Colorado Historical Society:

Ute Indian Museum - \$179,290
Colorado Historical Society Museum Preservation - \$295,000
Fort Vasquez Facility Upgrade - \$247,280

5. The following cash-funded projects will be held for approval until the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center's Master Plan and its related issues, especially the disposition of the 9th Avenue Campus, have been approved by the Commission:

Barbara Davis Center, Phase 2 - \$3,395,371
Infrastructure, Phase 6 - \$1,322,508
Center for Humanities - \$5,436,977
Library - \$3,000,000

6. The following cash-funded 202 projects will be forwarded to the Capital Development Committee:

Colorado State University System:

Natural Resources Research Center (NRRC), Phase 4 - \$14,670,000
Natural Resources Research Center (NRRC), Phase 5 - \$23,963,100

Community Colleges of Colorado:

PPCC - Child Care Expansion - \$3,400,112
University of Northern Colorado:
Central Landscape Project - \$919,500
Fire Protection - West Campus Residence Halls - \$1,385,000
Roof Replacement - Various Residence Halls - \$509,614
(Decker, Gordon, Belford, Snyder & Sabin)

7. Approval of the Colorado State University New Student Housing - Main Campus Project was delayed until the Subcommittee on Capital Assets approves the program plan;
8. Program plans for new projects were not approved at this time. The Commission also indicated they would be willing to revisit both the new projects and projects that governing boards has withdrawn for FY 03-04 if funds become available for capital construction once the Legislature is in session in 2003.

Staff Recommendation

That the Commission accept the recommendations of the Subcommittee on Capital Assets concerning prioritization of capital construction projects for the fiscal year 03-04:

1. The seven projects listed in the Summary section of this report be approved in the priority order listed and forwarded to the Capital Development Committee for funding consideration in FY 03-04 and that the Program Plan Waiver Request for the Arapahoe Community College Project – Telephone Switch and Life Safety Upgrades be approved;
2. That the program plan for the Community Colleges of Colorado Lowry Higher Education Center –Site & Utility Plan be rescinded;
3. That the cash-funded projects listed in the Summary section of this report be approved and forwarded to the CDC with the exception of the four projects listed for the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center. These projects will be considered after the Master Plan for the Health Sciences Center is approved by the Commission;
4. That the cash-funded 202 projects listed in the Summary section be approved and that the approval of the CSU New Student Housing-Main Campus Project be delayed until the program plan for the project is approved;

5. That the program plans for the Level 3 projects – New Projects – not be approved at this time and that the Commission may revisit both the Level 3 projects and those projects that have been withdrawn for FY 03-04 if funds become available for capital construction.

Action: Commissioner Quamme moved approval of the staff recommendation. Commissioner Vollbracht seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

G. University of Northern Colorado Request for Three Program Plan Waivers

The University of Northern Colorado requested exemptions from the statutory requirement for program planning for three student residence hall projects, which are auxiliary funded from student room and board rates. Each project is projected to cost more than \$500,000, the amount beyond which CCHE staff does not have statutory or policy authority to waive program plan requirements. The University of Northern Colorado requested the exemptions because the total square footage and the building usage will not change, and the projects are simply to upgrade and repair the buildings and their surroundings. The projects are:

- Central Campus Landscape Project—Estimated cost: \$919,500.
- Fire Protection at West Campus Residence Halls—Estimated cost: \$4,470,000.
- Roof Replacement—Estimated cost: \$509,614.

Staff Recommendation

That the Commission waive the requirement for program planning for three University of Northern Colorado residence hall auxiliary-funded projects—Central Campus Landscape Project, Fire Protection at West Campus Residence Halls, and Roof Replacement—for the following reasons:

- The projects would not change the square footage or building usage;
- The projects would repair and upgrade the residence halls;
- Requiring program plans would delay the start of the design phase, resulting in the projects not being completed as soon as anticipated; and
- The University of Northern Colorado has the auxiliary funds to begin work on the projects.

Action: Approved as consent item.

H. Arapahoe Community College Facilities Master Plan 2002

The Arapahoe Community College (ACC) Campus Facility Master Plan 2002 was submitted to CCHE in March 2002. It replaces the last master plan CCHE approved in 1995. The new master plan focuses on capital construction projects that would make better and more effective use of existing facilities for the 51-acre Main Campus in Littleton.

CCHE would have to examine each proposed project as it is submitted to determine need, compliance with CCHE space utilization guidelines, integration of academic and information technology planning, and future maintenance and operations impact. Whether any approved project is funded will depend, of course, on availability of state and cash funds.

Staff Recommendation

That the Commission approve the Arapahoe Community College Facilities Master Plan 2002.

Action: Approved as consent item.

I. Colorado School of Mines Student Life Projects

Joan Johnson, CCHE Director of Capital Assets reported that the Colorado School of Mines submitted to CCHE staff a program plan to issue bonds to build housing for at least 266 students. The program plan had not been reviewed when the CCHE Subcommittee on Capital Assets met September 11, 2002, and so it was not included in the list of SB 92-202 projects the Subcommittee recommended for approval to the full Commission. This project is being brought forward as a separate item because of the Commission's past interest in student housing projects.

Robert Moore, Vice President for Finance, Operations and Treasure at the Colorado School of Mines, reported that CSM is exempt from Golden's one percent growth moratorium.

The program plan for the Colorado School of Mines Student Life Projects (\$26,500,000 - cash funds exempt) contains the following elements:

\$23,800,000 for new student housing and demolition of existing housing;
\$1,200,000 for resident hall renovations;
\$1,000,000 for cafeteria renovation;
\$ 500,000 for a campus one-card system.

The School of Mines will issue a 35-year revenue bond secured by Student Life revenues from housing, dining, Student Center and Bookstore rentals, summer conference rentals, and other auxiliary revenues. The institution will also seek design/build proposals from the private sector to construct the new housing. Design/build represents the best way to provide additional housing in the face of a one percent growth limit in the city of Golden.

Staff Recommendation

That the Commission approve the program plan for the Colorado School of Mines Student Life Projects (\$26,500,000 Cash Funds Exempt). Approval of the program plan will allow the Colorado School of Mines to issue revenue bonds and seek design/build proposals from the private sector to construct the new housing. Design/build represents the best way to provide additional housing in the face of a one percent growth moratorium in the city of Golden.

Action: Commissioner Quamme moved approval of the staff recommendation. Commissioner Montoya seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

J. University of Colorado Health Sciences Center-Infrastructure 5A Project

The University of Colorado Health Sciences Center has separated the Fitzsimons Infrastructure Midterm Development Program into two distinct, stand-alone phases, 5A and 5B. The principal difference between the two is the 5A project is designed to support cash-funded projects at Fitzsimons and Phase 5B will support projects which will have a significant amount of state funding. This agenda item addressed Phase 5A.

Staff Recommendation

That the Commission approve the project entitled University of Colorado Health Sciences Center – Fitzsimons, Infrastructure Development, Midterm Development Program (Infrastructure 5A) as a stand-alone project and notify the Chairmen of the Capital Development and Joint Budget Committees that CCHE has taken this action.

Action: Approved as consent item.

V. Discussion and Possible Action

None

VI. Written Reports for Possible Discussion

A. Colorado Financial Aid Report

Diane Lindner, Financial Aid Director, reported that in 1999, with the advent of the Owens Administration, the Colorado Commission on Higher Education embarked on a renewed emphasis on student access to Colorado's institutions of higher education. The Colorado Financial Aid Report analyzes the effectiveness of the policy changes juxtaposed with national trends on tuition and financial aid. While the national norm appears to suggest that low-income students are "losing ground" in their ability to attend institutions of higher learning, in Colorado, it appears that they are gaining ground. Ms. Lindner outlined the report and the Commission accepted the Colorado Financial Aid Report.

B. Out-of-State Instruction Approval

The Commission accepted the report on out-of-state instruction as follows:

The Trustees of the State Colleges in Colorado has submitted a request for out-of-state instructional programs, delivered by Adams State College.

ED 589: Channeling the Emotions for Maximum Learning
The course will be taught in Wailuku, Hawaii, Oct. 7-12, 2002.

ED 589: Breakthrough to Your Peak Learning Style
The course will be taught in Wailuku, Hawaii, Oct. 14-19, 2002.

ED 589: Personal & Professional Success for the Classroom Teacher
The course will be taught in Wailuku, Hawaii, Dec. 9-14, 2002.

ED 589: Motivation, Management & Humor in the Classroom
The course will be taught in Wailuku, Hawaii, Dec. 2-7, 2002.

ED 589: Reclaiming Your Power
The course will be taught in Wailuku, Hawaii, Jan. 6-11, 2003.

The Board of Regents of the University of Colorado has submitted a request for out-of-state instructional programs to be delivered by the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center.

"International HIV Workshop on Management of Treatment-Experienced Patients," described herein as an out-of-state instructional program to be presented in San Diego, CA, on September 26-28, 2002.

"Thyroidology" described herein as an out-of-state instructional program to be presented in Los Angeles, California, October 8-9, 2002.

"Evaluation and Management of Dizziness" described herein as an out-of-state instructional program to be presented in Chicago, IL, on October 11-12, 2002.

"Beyond the Headlines: Evaluating the Comparative Risks of Over the Counter (OTC) Analgesics" described herein as an out-of-state instructional program to be presented in Boston, MA, on November 7, 2002.

"Resistance Education" described herein as a series of fifty out-of-state instructional programs presented in various states throughout the country (see the attached list), beginning in August 2002 and continuing into 2003.

The Board of Regents of the University of Colorado has submitted a request for out-of-state instructional programs to be delivered by the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs.

"VA 306, Two-Dimensional Topics: Ghost Ranch Retreat," described herein as a Fall 2002 credit Department of Visual and Performing Arts course to be offered in Abiquiu, New Mexico.

"COUN 320/520-3 Choice Theory, Reality Therapy, and Lead Management: Basic Week; COUN321/521-3 Choice Theory, Reality Therapy, and Lead Management: Advanced Week; and COUN322/522-3 Choice Theory, Reality Therapy, and Lead Management: Certification Week," described herein as a one-year out-of-state instructional program to be offered in Texas, New Brunswick, Cincinnati and other locations yet to be scheduled. This program will run from August 27, 2002 to August 27, 2003.

"SPED 491/591-1 Rewards Training of Trainers for Building-Local Capacity Workshop," described herein as a one-year out-of-state instructional program to be offered in Oregon, Texas, Florida, and other possible locations from August 27, 2002 to September 1, 2003.

"LEAD152-2 Citizenship and Community Service," described herein as a one-year out-of-state instructional program to be offered throughout the United States, possibly the American Territories, and at Department of Defense schools worldwide. This program will run from October 8, 2002 – October 8, 2003.

C. Concept Papers

1. Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center

The Health Sciences Center of the University of Colorado (UCHSC) has submitted a concept paper for a Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree. The proposed degree is intended to prepare students for licensure and practice as physical therapists and replace the M.S. in Physical Therapy currently offered at UCHSC.

The University of Colorado graduated its first class in physical therapy in 1948, the year following the program's initial accreditation. In 1985, it replaced its bachelor's degree with an M.S. in Physical Therapy. This change anticipated the general move to the master's as the entry-level degree in physical therapy. The accrediting society for physical therapy programs has decreed that by 2002, any

physical therapy program wishing to be accredited must offer a minimum of a master's-level degree.

2. M.S. in Pharmaceutical Biotechnology at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center

The University of Colorado Health Sciences Center has submitted a concept paper for a Master of Science (M.S.) degree in Pharmaceutical Biotechnology. The proposed degree is intended to provide scientists with the skills necessary to work successfully in this emerging field with its focus on "the development and effective use of new therapeutic agents derived from biotechnology..." The multi-disciplinary degree program would be course-based, requiring a minimum of 45 quarter credits and could be completed in two years of full-time study. The proposed degree program would be the first such program in the United States.

D. FTE Service Area Exemptions

The Commission accepted the service area exemptions that allow community colleges, local district colleges and area vocational schools to provide short-term access to a certificate or degree program not available in another institution's defined service area.

E. FY 2002 Final FTE Student Enrollment Report

The Commission accepted the FY 2002 Final FTE Student Enrollment Report.

Action: Commissioner Greenberg moved to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.