MINUTES OF THE COLORADO COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

October 6, 2005 Telephonic

Chairperson Judy Weaver called the meeting to order at 10:00 p.m.

Commissioners Judy Weaver, Terry Farina, Judy Altenberg, Ray Baker, Richard Garcia, Dean Quamme, Richard Ramirez, Edward Robinson, Greg Stevinson and James Stewart attended. Commissioner Joel Farkas was excused. Commission Staff members attending were Deputy Director Jenna Langer, Matt Gianneschi, Jason Hopfer and Mary Lou Lawrence.

Chairperson Weaver opened nominations for a new Chair of the Commission. Mr. Baker nominated Terry Farina and Ms. Altenberg and Mr. Stewart seconded the Motion. Mr. Farina was unanimously elected Chair. Chairperson Farina requested nominations for Vice Chair of the Commission and Mr. Quamme nominated Mr. Baker. Mr. Robinson seconded the Motion and Mr. Baker was unanimously elected Vice Chair.

Commissioners commended Ms. Weaver on her leadership in year of tremendous reform in higher education in Colorado. Ms. Weaver noted that during her term as Chair the Commission negotiated and implemented Performance Contracts; enhanced relations with the Colorado Board of Education; launched College in Colorado; enrolled 200,000 students in the College Opportunity Fund Stipend program; encouraged colleges to prepared and graduate quality teachers; effect review of higher education core curriculum courses; with legislative help, enacted College Admission Requirements for K-12 systems legislation; and began a study to improve linkage between K-12 and higher education. She thanked the Commissioners for providing her the opportunity to serve as Chair in a year of change and encouraged continued reforms.

Mr. Quamme moved to approve minutes of the September 9, 2005, meeting and Ms. Altenberg seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Advisory Committee member Wayne Artis stated Stu Helvig, history professor at Adams State College, had been elected faculty representative to the Commission's Advisory Committee.

CONSENT ITEMS

- Modifications to Fort Lewis College Admission Index
- Technical Modifications to Academic Affairs Policy I-F: Admission Standards
- Approval of 2006 Commission Meeting Schedule

Ms. Weaver moved to approve these Consent Items and Commissioner Ms. Altenberg seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The Consent Items were unanimously approved.

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<u>Degree Authorization Act – Spiritual Paths Institute:</u> Ms. Altenberg requested clarification of provisional degree authorization and degree authorization. Mr. Gianneschi said a provisional classification identifies a school that is preparing to accept students and that has applied for but not received accreditation. If accreditation is not obtained within six months of authorization, the school's approval is withdrawn and the school would have to reapply. The Degree Authorization Act only recognizes schools that had been accredited and that was authorized to enrollment students. There was no public comment. Mr. Baker moved to accept the staff recommendation and Ms. Weaver seconded the Motion Consent Items was unanimously approved.

<u>Degree Authorization Act – The National Graduate School of Quality Management:</u>
Mr. Quamme moved to accept the staff recommendation and Ms. Altenberg seconded the motion and the Consent Item was unanimously approved.

WRITTEN REPORTS - NO DISCUSSION

Report on Out-of-State/Out-of-Country Instruction No action was taken

The meeting was adjourned.