

**MINUTES OF THE
COLORADO COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION**

September 9, 2005

Chairperson Judy Weaver called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Commissioners Judy Weaver, Terry Farina, Judy Altenberg, Joel Farkas, Richard Garcia, Dean Quamme, Richard Ramirez, Edward Robinson, and James Stewart attended. Commissioners Baker and Stevinson were excused. Commission Staff members attending were Executive Director Rick O'Donnell, Rich Schweigert, Jenna Langer, Matt Gianneschi, Diane Linder, Jason Hopfer and Mary Lou Lawrence.

Ms. Weaver acknowledged new Commissioners Richard Ramirez and Edward Robinson.

Commissioner Stewart moved to approve minutes of the June 2, 2005, meeting and June 14, 2005, Special meeting and Commissioner Altenberg seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Advisory Committee member Wayne Artis reported Chris Purkiss had resigned as faculty representative on the Advisory Committee and that he was the interim representative until a new representative would be chosen.

CONSENT ITEMS

- Degree Authorization Act – Augustine Institute
- Aims Community College Program Review – Associate of Arts Degree
- Associate of Science Degree, and Associate of General Studies Degree
- Program Modifications to the Special Education Licensure Programs at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs
- Summary of Development Grants Awarded by Statewide Extended Studies Program
- Approval of the University of Denver Performance Contract

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

Anti-Terrorism Measures: Mr. Hopfer said this policy would bring the Commission in compliance with applicable Colorado and Federal Statutes. Mr. Garcia expressed concern it impacted undocumented students and was told it did not affect immigration laws. Commissioner Farina asked if it was consistent with relevant statutes and if it violated privacy rules. Mr. Hopfer said it did not supercede privacy rules of procedure.

Mr. Quamme moved to approve the item and Mr. Farkas seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion was unanimously approved.

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ACTION ITEMS

State Guaranteed General Education Courses Summer Review: Mr. Gianneschi provided a historical summary GT Pathways course reviews and recommendations for new Commissioners. The approval of courses that are sequenced has posed some difficulties. Processes for resubmission of non-approved courses was being developed. Ms. Altenberg asked if there was a record noting why courses were not recommend and was told each review committee member completed a detailed form listing reasons for not recommending courses and summaries of those recommendations were being prepared. Mr. O'Donnell noted arts and humanities classes had not been approved and was told summaries being prepared would indicate the reasons. Mr. Farina expressed support of the reviews and noted some modifications were needed. Mr. Artis commend the integrity of the process and the diligence of the reviewers. He said many courses did were not approval because they lacked sufficient, serious writing criteria.

Public Comment: Alan Lamborn, Social/Behavioral Content Chair at Colorado State University commended Mr. Gianneschi and Ms. Leal for their leadership. He said faculty had concerns about core curriculum requirements but realized its necessity and had agreed to it.

Ms. Weaver moved to approve the Action Item and Mr. Stewart seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

College Opportunity Fund Eligibility for Courses at Private Colleges Operating Pursuant to a Performance Contract: Mr. Gianneschi reported private colleges operating under College Opportunity Performance Contracts have student eligibility requirements that differ from public institutions and that they offer courses at satellite campuses in addition to a main campus. Because of these exceptions, it is recommend that Commission policies regarding extended campus study be modified allowing COF students at private schools be permitted to take qualified courses at satellite campuses. Ms. Altenberg requested assurance the schools were accredited and was assured they were per statute.

Commissioner Quamme moved to approve the item and Ms. Altenberg seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion was unanimously approved.

Policy Regarding Notice of College Preparatory Courses for High School Students: Ms. Langer reported that, pursuant to SB05-1027, CCHE was enter a contract with ACT pursuant to which ACT would send a letter to parents notifying them that their child's ACT score showed the student would need remediation courses and requested the Commission approve that contract. Ms. Weaver noted this action, done during a junior year of high school, was too late in the college preparatory process. Mr. O'Donnell said ACT scores provided the first indication of a student's subject matter proficiency and recently passed legislation geared to 8th grade college preparation would be an additional tool to prepare student for college. High schools would offer remedial courses enabling

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students to address deficiencies before entering college. Mr. Artis noted GEAR UP program has remedial education component model that maybe useful.

Mr. Farina moved to approve the item and Ms. Altneberg seconded the motion. There was not public comment. The motion was unanimously approved.

WRITTEN REPORTS – NO DISCUSSION

Report on Out-of-State/Out-of-Country Instruction
Update on Performance Contract Reporting Requirements

No action was taken

The meeting was adjourned.