

TOPIC: REVISIONS TO POLICY SECTION IV: STATEWIDE EXTENDED STUDIES

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I. SUMMARY

At the September meeting, the Commission approved revisions to Policy Section IV: Statewide Extended Studies to reflect Senate Bill 08-018 but omitted changes that are required to Part D of Section IV policies. The attached policy revisions deal with that omission and reflect the current statute as revised by Senate Bill 08-018.

II. BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

The existing Statewide Extended Studies (SES) policies address the operations of extended studies, continuing education, and off-campus instruction at state four-year institutions, including in Section IV the administration of the SES Program and the procedure for the approval of out of state and out of country instruction. Senate Bill 08-018 required revision to Section IV due to the following changes to Title 23:

23-1-109. Duties and powers of the commission with regard to off-campus instruction. (4) The ~~commission~~ DEPARTMENT shall administer any centralized, statewide extension and continuing education program of instruction ~~which~~ THAT may be offered by any state-supported baccalaureate and graduate institution. All instruction offered outside the geographic boundaries of the campus, including instruction delivered by television or other technological means, shall be a part of this program unless exempted by policy and action of the commission.

and

23-5-116. Governing boards - authority to provide out-of-state courses. (1) The governing board of any state institution of higher education may offer postsecondary courses at locations outside the state of Colorado for credit applicable toward a degree program. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, THE COMMISSION, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE GOVERNING BOARDS, SHALL DETERMINE BY POLICY THE DEFINITION OF OUT-OF-STATE COURSES. Each governing board shall promulgate policies and procedures concerning the administration of such courses. The policies and procedures shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

~~(4) Prior to the offering of out of state courses, institutions and governing boards must receive approval from the Colorado commission on higher education. Such approval shall be based upon the following criteria: A statement of need for the instruction; evidence of the institution's ability to deliver the program without~~

~~adversely affecting the institution's approved role and mission; and geographical proximity of the delivery site to the institution or evidence that the instruction is particularly related to the institution's role and mission.~~

~~(5) Out-of-state courses offered in the states of Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming, Nebraska, Kansas, and Oklahoma shall be exempt from the provisions of subsection (4) of this section; however, institutions offering courses in these states shall do so upon the approval of their governing boards.~~

(6) Each governing board shall provide an annual report to the Colorado commission on DEPARTMENT OF higher education which THAT describes all courses offered outside the boundaries of the state of Colorado. THE REPORT SHALL INCLUDE A STATEMENT OF NEED FOR THE INSTRUCTION, THE GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION OF THE INSTRUCTION, AND CONFIRMATION THAT NO STATE FUNDS WERE USED IN CONNECTION WITH THE OUT-OF-STATE COURSES.

III. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Commission approve the additional revisions to policy Section IV: Extended Studies; Part D Approval of Instruction Offered as Part of Extended Studies.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY

23-1-109 C.R.S.

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