

Minutes of the Colorado Commission on Higher Education Meeting

October 2, 2008

Chairman James Polsfut called the meeting to order at 1:07 pm.

Commissioners James Polsfut, Patricia Pacey, Hereford Percy, Michael Plachy, Richard Ramirez, Edward Robinson, BJ Scott and Greg Stevinson were in attendance. Commissioner Larry Beckner attended via conference call. Also in attendance were Advisory Committee members Dr. Alan Lamborn, Bill Mansheim, Darryl Bonds and Donna Theimer.

Commissioner Percy moved to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2008 meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Scott and unanimously passed.

Chancellor Pamela Shockley-Zalabak welcomed the Commission to the University of Colorado-Colorado Springs campus and gave the Commissioners a brief introduction to the campus. Chancellor Shockley-Zalabak presented the Southern Colorado Innovation Strategy encompassing the two four-year institutions and the five community colleges in the southern part of the state. She suggested that the Commission meet with the presidents of these institutions for a regional hearing. Executive Director David Skaggs offered that such a hearing be scheduled in conjunction with the December CCHE meeting in Pueblo.

Executive Director Report: Executive Director David Skaggs reported on the Department's work with Colorado Christian University (CCU) to comply with the decision of the U.S. 10th Circuit Court of Appeals that the Department's rejection of CCU's application to participate in the College Opportunity Fund and state financial aid programs because it was "pervasively sectarian" under Colorado law violated the First Amendment to the U. S. Constitution.

ACTION ITEMS

Re-approval of University of Northern Colorado Teacher Preparation Programs – Dr. Ian Macgillivray, Academic Policy Officer for Teacher Education, brought before the Commission the University of Northern Colorado's five-year re-approval review for their teacher preparation programs. Dr. Macgillivray noted that, as required, the Colorado State Board of Education had approved the programs.

Commissioner Robinson moved to approve the programs. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stevinson and passed unanimously.

Revisions to Student Fee Policy – John Karakoulakis, Director of Legislative Affairs, presented to the Commission proposed changes to the Department's student fee policies. Mr. Karakoulakis explained that Senate Joint Resolution 08-037, passed by the General Assembly in the 2008 legislative session, encourages the Department to conduct a review of fee policies at CCHE and the institutions, review fee changes for the past ten years and to seek student and institutional input in the process. Department staff identified the proposed changes jointly with institutional representatives.

Commissioner Plachy moved to approve the revisions. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stevinson and passed unanimously.

Peer Group Revisions for Adams State College – Diane Lindner, Chief Financial Officer, presented a proposed new peer institutions to be used in the NCHEMS allocation model for Adams State College (ASC). Due to the unique program offerings at ASC and changes in financial reporting ASC implemented to address its cash funded programs, revisions to its peer group are necessary.

Commissioner Stevinson moved to approve the revisions. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Scott and passed unanimously.

New and Continuing State-Funded Capital Projects Priority List FY 2009-2010 – Ryan Stubbs, Capital Assets Coordinator, presented the capital priority list for state funded projects for the Commission's approval. He presented new program plans, program plan amendments, and waivers for new program plans below \$2 million. He explained that the Department had reviewed 41 projects requesting \$438 million in state funds for fiscal year FY09-10. These projects were prioritized by staff and the Commission Sub-Committee on Capital Assets. Once approved by the Commission, this priority list will be forwarded to the Capital Development Committee to assist in the State's capital prioritization process.

Commissioner Robinson moved to approve the 16 new program plans, the 18 program plan amendments, 2 waiver requests and the capital priority list. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Percy and passed unanimously.

Colorado State University-Global Campus Proposed Degree Programs – Commissioner Haynes moved to table this item until the November 13th Colorado Commission on Higher Education meeting. Commissioner Stevinson seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0 with Commissioner Plachy abstaining.

INFORMATION ITEM

Senate Bill 212 – P-20 Alignment Legislation – Dr. Julie Carnahan, Chief Academic Officer, reported on the Department's work to fulfill its responsibilities under Senate Bill 212, the "Preschool to Postsecondary Alignment Bill." She explained that a key task for the Department is to reach consensus with the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) and adopt by December 2009a description of "post-secondary and workforce readiness". Among other activities, the Department has created an internal process for implementation of 212; hired a consultant to assist with the work; and established a working relationship with CDE, with weekly joint meetings. The 2008 Faculty to Faculty Conference, to be held October 10, will focus exclusively on the 212 requirements. Executive Director Skaggs and CDE Commissioner Dwight Jones are required by the legislation to co-convene at least eight meetings across and five of those meetings have been scheduled. This was an information item and required on action on the part of the Commission.

Commissioner Stevinson moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Scott

and passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50pm.