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To: CCHE

Fr: Rico Munn, Executive Director

Re: Workplan proposal #1 - Strategic Plan Guidance

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The Colorado Commission on Higher Education (“CCHE”) has a variety of duties and powers set forth throughout Article 23, Part 1 of the Colorado Revised Statutes. Section 108 of Article 23 sets forth the CCHE’s powers related to systemwide planning.

In cooperation with the Governor’s office, a strategic plan steering group is being established to facilitate the creation of systemwide recommendations. To further inform that process, the CCHE might consider the creation of a series of information or guidance memoranda.

As the statewide coordinating body, the CCHE has the stature to invite various stakeholders to present issues or concerns that might not get fully discussed in the context of strategic planning. The CCHE could invite such discussion with the intention of developing briefing documents to be given to the strategic planning group.

The subject issues or concerns should be matters that the CCHE believes the strategic planning group might not address in depth but that are of broad concern and/or interest. Examples of such issues might include:

- Use of instructional technology
- Collegiate athletics and activities
- Shared governance models
- Workforce planning (i.e. How do institutions predict the next wave?)

In order to respect the process, briefing documents would not be meant to direct the work of the strategic planning group. Rather, they might inform the process in areas where there is not sufficient time to receive detailed material. The process could be well served by a series of brief and thoughtful analyses by the CCHE.