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Sent: Tuesday, January 06, 2009 2:52 PM

To: Skaggs, David

Subject: FW: CSU-Global

David

FYI and use—as discussed. We don't plan to comment at the CCHE mtg, but believe the "science" issue discussed below should be addressed by CDHE.

Regards,

Bill

Dr. M. W. Scoggins

President

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From: Nigel Middleton

Sent: Monday, January 05, 2009 3:44 PM

To: Bill Scoggins

Cc: Peter Han; Kirsten Volpi

Subject: RE: CSU-Global

The train seems to have left the station on this: CDHE has given temporary authorization for CSU Global to operate under the auspices of CSU Pueblo and CSU Fort Collins, and now I see (via Google) that the Higher Learning Commission accredited CSU Global on Dec 24, 2008. It's not clear what CDHE (and CCHE) will choose to do in the long term vis-a-vis an "independent" campus for CSU-Global (ie. not Ft Collins or Pueblo) but it looks like CSU has quite a bit of momentum behind this initiative. An independent campus will need new legislation, I believe.

My gripe is the growing preponderance of non-technical programs to hijack the "science" title in their degrees. CSU-Global is offering Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees for programs that are in management, administration, organization, teaching & learning etc., none of which has any real science content. This is where CDHE/CCHE could draw a line in the sand a-la truth in advertising.

CU-Denver's GEM program is similar – a Master of Science without much real science. The driving force is the greater prestige and salability of a science degree, but I am concerned with this trend.

When we pushed for the MIPER program (which is purposely not an MS degree) we took heat from the CCHE of the day that we didn't have enough science for it to be a viable CSM degree. We changed the curriculum to address this.

Nigel

From: Bill Scoggins

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Sent: Monday, January 05, 2009 12:17 PM

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Fyi and comment.

Regards,

Bill

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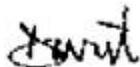
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To: Joe Garcia; Bill Scoggins; Brad Bartel; Bruce Benson; Caryn Gibson; David Svaldi; Dean Stecklein; Jay Helman; Kay Norton; Les Lindauer; Marsi Liddell; Nancy McCallin; Shannon South; Skaggs, David; Stan Jensen; Steve Jordan; Tim Foster; Tony Frank

Subject: CSU-Global

Dear Colleagues:

I expect you are all aware of the new CSU-Global Campus which began operations a few months ago. CSU has decided to seek statutory authorization for CSU-G this session. Because the proposed legislation raises significant questions for public higher education in the state, the Commission on Higher Education will hold a hearing on the proposed legislation at its meeting Friday. The hearing is near the end of the agenda and is not likely to start before 2, in case you or your staff wish to comment. CCHE is not planning to take a position on the proposal at this meeting. The meeting will be at Auraria in Room 320 of the Tivoli Center.



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