

**Minutes of the Colorado Commission on Higher Education (CCHE) Meeting
Front Range Community College
September 10, 2009**

Chairman James Polsfut called the meeting to order at 10:10 am.

Commissioners James Polsfut, Hereford Percy, Patricia Pacey, Happy Haynes, Jill Brake, Larry Beckner, Edward Robinson and Michael Plachy were in attendance. Commissioners BJ Scott and Greg Stevinson attended via teleconference. Also in attendance were Advisory Committee members Dr. Alan Lamborn, Bill Mansheim, JulieMarie Shepherd and Donna Theimer.

Commissioner Brake moved to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2009 meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Percy and unanimously passed.

Andy Dorsey, President of Front Range Community College, welcomed the Commission to the the campus and gave the Commissioners a brief overview of the programs offered by the school, noting that enrollment in the community college is increasing due to the recession.

Commissioner Report: Commissioner Larry Beckner reported that the Colorado State Commission on Autism, of which he is a CCHE appointed member, is in the final preparation of the report from the Commission to the legislature and the Governor's office. He again thanked the CCHE for the appointment and the opportunity to serve.

Executive Director Report: Executive Director David Skaggs thanked the Commissioners and the Department staff for their commitment and hard work during his tenure.

Chairman Polsfut presented David Skaggs with a proclamation establishing The Congressman David E. Skaggs Scholarship for the Study of Civics, Public Policy, and Government. This scholarship will be for academic pursuit at any public institution of higher education in the state of Colorado and is in recognition and gratitude by his colleagues and friends.

Chairman Polsfut called for the ratification of JulieMarie Shepherd as the new student member of the CCHE advisory committee.

Vice Chairman Percy moved to approve the ratification. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Beckner and unanimously passed.

Chairman Polsfut introduced a new policy for the administration of CCHE meetings. Going forward, the new policy for the public comments section of the meeting is as follows:

The Colorado Commission on Higher Education welcomes comments from the general public. Any member of the public who would like to offer a comment at a meeting of the CCHE may do so during the Public Comment portion of opening Business. Unless otherwise called upon to testify to the CCHE, members of the public are requested to limit their comments to the Public Comment portion only.

Public comment is limited to three minutes per person, and comments may be made related to upcoming agenda items or on any other topic of interest.

Public Comments: George Straface, assistant professor at the University of Denver, commented on the coordination of principal and teacher preparation. He informed the Commission that the university supports the concept of cooperation between the Colorado Department of Education and the CCHE.

ACTION/CONSENT ITEMS

Proposal To Offer A Bachelor Of Science Degree In Athletic Training At Colorado State University-Pueblo – Dr. Julie Carnahan, Chief Academic Officer, prepared this item for approval.

Approval Of M.A.T. Physical Education At University Of Northern Colorado - Dr. Ian Macgillivray, Academic Policy Officer for Teacher Education, prepared this item for approval.

Approval Of M.A. Theatre Education At University Of Northern Colorado - Dr. Ian Macgillivray prepared this item for approval.

Approval Of Master's Of Natural Sciences Education (MNSE) At Colorado State University - Dr. Ian Macgillivray prepared this item for approval.

Approval Of Special Education Generalist Teacher Preparation Programs At Colorado Christian University - Dr. Ian Macgillivray prepared this item for approval.

Approval Of Science Teacher Endorsement With B.A. Geology; B.A. Integrated Physiology; And B.A. Molecular, Cellular And Developmental Biology At University Of Colorado Boulder - Dr. Ian Macgillivray prepared this item for approval.

Approval Of Credit Waiver And Secondary Mathematics Teacher Endorsement With B.S. Applied Mathematics At University Of Colorado Boulder - Dr. Ian Macgillivray prepared this item for approval.

Approval Of Special Education Generalist Endorsement At Colorado State University Pueblo - Dr. Ian Macgillivray prepared this item for approval.

Financial Aid Policy Update - Celina Duran, Financial Aid Administrator, prepared this item for approval. The item conforms formal Commission policy to recent statutory changes.

Vice Chairman Percy moved to approve the nine action/consent items. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Haynes and unanimously passed.

Proposal To Offer A Doctor Of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Degree In Applied Science At The University Of Colorado, Colorado Springs (UCCS) - Dr. Julie Carnahan prepared this item for

approval. Dr. Tom Christianson, Dean of the Philosophical Sciences School at UCCS, testified to the Commission regarding the need for this doctoral program in southern Colorado.

Commissioner Robinson moved to approve the program. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Plachy and unanimously passed.

Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership Programs-Colorado Christian University - Celina Duran prepared this item for approval which would provide CCU with additional financial aid based on revised data.

Commissioner Brake moved to approve the allocations. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Haynes. The motion was unanimously passed by the Commissioners, with the exception of Commissioner Plachy, who abstained.

ACTION ITEMS

Degree Authorization Act – Huntington College Of Health Sciences (HCHS) - Heather Delange, Degree Authorization Officer, presented this item asking the Commission not to approve probationary authorization to HCHS. HCHS is an existing institution headquartered in Tennessee and has requested permission to relocate to Colorado. The Department hired an evaluation team to review the application submitted by HCHS and this team found deficiencies in the institution’s ability to provide appropriate student services at the proposed Colorado site and the financial ability to support all operations at the new site.

Commissioner Beckner moved to deny probationary authorization to HCHS. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pacey and unanimously passed.

Degree Authorization Act – Adam University - Heather Delange presented this item asking the Commission to revoke probationary authorization for Adam University to operate in Colorado. Adam University did not meet the requirements needed for accreditation neither in the first 24 month period it was given to do so nor in the subsequent 24 month extension the institution was granted.

Commissioner Percy moved to revoke the probationary authorization for Adam University. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brake and unanimously passed.

Degree Authorization Act – Spiritual Paths Institute - Heather Delange presented this item asking the Commission to revoke probationary authorization for Spiritual Paths Institute to operate in Colorado. Spiritual Paths Institute failed to meet the 24 month deadline for accreditation and failed to meet deadlines established by the Higher Learning Commission.

Commissioner Pacey moved to revoke the probationary authorization for Spiritual Paths Institute. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Haynes and unanimously passed.

New Commission Policy Regarding Prioritization Of Capital Construction Projects Financed With Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds And/Or Recovery Zone

Private Facility Bonds - Andrew Carlson, Budget and Financial Aid Director, recommended for adoption by the Commission a new policy for the approval and prioritization process for capital construction projects financed under the recovery zone economic development bonds and the private facility bonds. Information about the bonds and the proposed process had been presented as an information item at the previous Commission meeting.

Commissioner Pacey moved to adopt the new policy. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Percy and unanimously passed.

Resolution Endorsing Proposal to Lumina Foundation for Making Opportunity Affordable (MOA) Grant – David Skaggs described briefly the Department’s proposal to the Lumina Foundation for a grant of \$2 million over four years to continue the work on the MOA agenda for higher education. He presented a resolution giving the Commission’s endorsement of the proposal.

Commissioner Haynes moved to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson and unanimously passed.

PRELIMINARY BRIEFING ITEM

Revised Institutional Report Template For Teacher Education Reauthorization Site Visits - Dr. Ian Macgillivray presented this item intended to initiate and inform a discussion by the Commission in advance of a decision or action item at a later date. It concerns the revision of the template that institutions of higher education use to write their Institutional Report (IR) in preparation for a teacher education reauthorization site visit in order to bring it in line with state and regional needs, recent changes to Section 206 of the federal Higher Education Opportunity Act, and other national movements in teacher education accountability. Staff intends to pilot the new IR template with the four educator preparation programs to be reviewed for reauthorization in 2009-2010.

INFORMATION ITEM

Preview of the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems (NCHEMS) presentation planned for meeting to launch Colorado Higher Education Strategic Planning Initiative – Dennis Jones, President of NCHEMS, gave the Commission a preview of the presentation he will be giving at the launch of the Higher Education Strategic Planning Initiative.

Commissioner Percy moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pacey. The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm.