

TOPIC: REVISIONS TO ADMISSION STANDARDS POLICY

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I. SUMMARY

In the 2009 legislative session, Colorado State University - Global Campus (CSU-GC) received statutory approval to operate and its role and mission were defined as “a baccalaureate and graduate online university with the mission in Colorado of offering upper division baccalaureate degree-completion programs for nontraditional students . . .”

Academic Affairs Policy Part F: Admission Standards Policy provides the minimum standards needed for transfer student admission to Colorado’s four year institutions. The change to statute requires the inclusion of CSU-GC in this policy. The draft policy (Attachment A) reflects this change.

II. BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

Since 1986, the Colorado Commission on Higher Education has held the authority to establish statewide admission standards for public colleges and universities. Section 5.04 concerns the minimum admission standards for a transfer student. Table 3 provides the minimum grade point average and allowable window size for any applicant who meets the definition of transfer student. The differing minimum GPA requirements reflect each institution’s statutory role and mission.

CSU – GC is authorized to operate through statutory role and mission. C.R.S. 23-30-124 provides that authority and states “. . . Colorado State University – global campus shall be a baccalaureate and graduate online university with the mission in offering upper division baccalaureate degree-completion programs for nontraditional students . . .”

To date, when admitting transfer students, CSU-GC has relied on the Colorado State University Pueblo’s minimum GPA and window availability. This results in two institutions with distinct statutory roles and missions sharing minimum GPA requirements and sharing window slots.

With CSU-GC having a distinct statutory role and mission and the statutory authorization to operate, it is necessary to add the institution to “Table 3: Minimum Grade Point Average Requirement for Students Transferring from Another Institution with More Than Twelve Collegiate Semester Credit Hours” in Section 5.04 of the Admission Standards Policy. Since CSU-GC’s role and mission consists of acting as a degree completion institution, there is not a need to revise the freshman requirements for CSU-GC’s inclusion.

III. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

**That the Commission approve the proposed revisions of Academic Affairs Policy Part F
ADMISSIONS STANDARDS POLICY.**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY

C.R.S. §23-1-108 (1) (e)
C.R.S. §23-30-124