

**Minutes of the Colorado Commission on Higher Education (CCHE) Meeting
Community College of Denver
January 7, 2010**

Chairman Jim Polsfut called the meeting to order at 1:15 pm.

Commissioners Jim Polsfut, Larry Beckner, Jill Brake, David Edwards, Patricia Pacey, Regina Rodriguez, Happy Haynes, Richard Kaufman, BJ Scott and Greg Stevinson were in attendance. Also in attendance were Advisory Committee members Professor Mike Mincic, Dr. Abe Harraf, Ruth Annette Carter and Dr. Diana Sirko. Dr. Toni Larson, Kelly Fox, and Julie Marie Shepherd attended via conference call.

Commissioner Edwards moved to approve the minutes of the November 29, 2010 CCHE/State Board of Education special meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stevinson and unanimously passed.

Commissioner Edwards moved to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2010 CCHE meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stevinson and unanimously passed.

Commissioner Edwards moved to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2010 Special CCHE meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stevinson and unanimously passed.

Bernice Harris, Provost of the Community College of Denver, welcomed the Commission to the Auraria campus. She reported that the attendance for fall of 2009 increased by 30% and fall attendance for 2010 increased another 20%. The College expects attendance to increase further in Fall 2011.

COMMISSIONER REPORT

Commissioner Brake reported that she was appointed by former Commissioner Dwight Jones, Colorado Department of Education, to the Expanded Learning Opportunity Commission. The charge of the commission is to look at state level policies needed to create a new and expanded vision for the student learning experience.

CHAIR REPORT

Chairman Polsfut reported that he, along with Commissioner Stevinson, Executive Director Rico Munn and Deputy Director Kim Poast, attended a celebratory dinner hosted by the Governor to honor the Higher Education Strategic Plan Steering Committee for all the work the members performed during the past year.

The Chairman also attended a public summit event honoring outgoing Lt. Governor Barbara O'Brien, who played a large role in education during her term.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Executive Director Rico Munn reported that the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce had recently held a meeting with business leaders and some institution CEOs to discuss higher education and how the business community can participate.

Director Munn also informed that staff member Matt McKeever, director of Extended Studies, will be leaving the department to take a position of Dean of Work Force and Community Partnerships at Arapahoe Community College.

Chairman Polsfut noted that Executive Director Munn will also be leaving the department. He read a proclamation honoring Mr. Munn and thanked him for his service and commitment to education.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. George Walker of Denver commented on the potential of further budget cuts to higher education and lamented that the state is still last in the county in closing the ethnic achievement gap, as well as 49th or 50th in state funding.

CONSENT ITEMS

Degree Authorization Act - International Ministry College

GT Pathway Curriculum

Proposal To Offer A Baccalaureate Degree In Asian Studies At The University Of Northern Colorado

Proposal To Offer A Baccalaureate Degree In International Affairs At The University Of Northern Colorado

Proposal To Offer A Baccalaureate Degree In Sustainability/Environmental Studies At The University Of Northern Colorado

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

ACTION ITEMS

Adopt CCHE meeting schedule for 2011 - Executive Director Munn presented the proposed CCHE meeting schedule for calendar year 2011. He noted the Commission's interest in holding a meeting outside the metro area, which hadn't been done in 2010 due to budget constraints. If feasible, the July 7th meeting will be held at Ft. Lewis College in Durango and the September 8th meeting will be held in Grand Junction at Mesa State College.

Commissioner Stevinson moved to approve the schedule for 2011. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Scott and unanimously passed.

Chairman Polsfut suggested that going forward, when the CCHE holds meetings on the different campuses, the Commissioners and Advisory Committee members should try to spend additional time on each campus getting to know the institution.

Commissioner Brake asked the CCHE to consider holding an annual retreat August 4th and 5th. The other Commissioners took that under advisement and agreed to hold a retreat on those date.

Statewide articulation agreements in Biology, Economics and Business – Dr. Cheryl Lovell, Chief Academic Officer, presented two articulate agreements for CCHE approval: one for economics and one for business. A third agreement for biology was tabled by the GE Council due to concerns about course delivery methods. The two agreements before the Commission are between statewide two-year and four-year institutions. House Bill 1208 charged the CCHE with establishing 14 such agreements between all public institutions in Colorado by 2016. The economics and business agreements are the first two and are signed by the CEOs and the Chief Academic Officers of the public institutions.

Dr. Lovell was joined by Metropolitan State College of Denver's Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. Sheila Thompson, the University of Colorado System's Associate Vice President and Academic Affairs Officer, Dr. Kathleen Bollard and Dr. Nancy McCallin, President of the Colorado Community College System.

Dr. McCallin expressed concern about the length of time the agreements are taking to complete. Chairman Polsfut agreed and asked Dr. Lovell to bring to the February 4th CCHE meeting benchmarks and a timeline for the remaining agreements, along with further information on the structure of the GE Council.

Commissioner Haynes moved to approve the two articulation agreements. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez and unanimously passed.

Policy Revisions Recommended by Concurrent Enrollment Advisory Board – Matt McKeever, Director of Extended Studies, presented this item. The Concurrent Enrollment Advisory Board, created in 2009 by the General Assembly, has a responsibility and the authority to recommend policy changes to the CCHE for implementation of concurrent enrollment programs and the ASCENT program (fifth year dual credit program for high school students). The recommended policy changes align the statewide remedial education policy, the admissions standards policy, the policy for reporting FTE student enrollment and the policy for institutional reporting College Opportunity Fund student credit hour stipend enrollment with the statutory requirements of the Concurrent Enrollment Act.

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

Revision to Admissions Standards Policy – Colorado Mountain College (CMC) – Matt McKeever explained that because Colorado Mountain College now has the statutory role and mission to offer baccalaureate programs, the institution must be included in the Admissions Standards Policy.

Commissioner Beckner moved to approve the revision. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Haynes and unanimously passed.

Recommendations for FY 2011-2012 Financial Aid Allocations – Celina Duran, Financial Aid Administrator, brought this item before the CCHE. At the June 3, 2010 CCHE meeting, Commission members directed staff to seek consensus with the institutions on financial aid the allocation formula. Staff presented the following five models for consideration by the Commission:

- 1) Model A proposes a 50 percent cut to proprietary schools, a ten percent cut to the graduate student pot and a ten percent reduction limit.
- 2) Model B proposes a 30 percent cut to proprietary schools, a ten percent cut to the graduate student pot and a fifteen percent reduction limit
- 3) Model C proposes a 30 percent cut to proprietary schools, a ten percent cut to grad pot and a ten percent reduction limit
- 4) Model D proposes a 30 percent cut to proprietary schools and a ten percent cut to the graduate student pot and no reduction limit
- 5) The fifth model is the existing model.

Several community college students and Dr. McCallin testified in support of Model D as the model most closely adhering to the principle of a proportional reductions on the impacts of all students.

Advisor Kelly Fox supported Model B.

Commissioner Stevinson moved to approve financial aid allocation Model B. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards and unanimously passed.

FY2010 Teach Colorado Grant Report To General Assembly – Dr. Ian Macgillivray, Academic Affairs Officer for Teacher Education, presented the report to the Commission. Last year the Department provided scholarships to 236 high performing teacher candidates from the teacher preparation program in high need content areas. Most of them have student-taught and have agreed to teach in rural or high poverty areas upon graduation. This scholarship program was not funded for FY2010-11.

FY2010 Report On Educator Preparation To General Assembly – Dr. Macgillivray told the Commission that the educator preparation report would be provided to the House and Senate Education Committees. It covers 19 education preparation programs at public institutions. The report showed an increase in enrollment in high need area and an increase in both African American and Hispanic enrollment. Also of note is the increase of students 35 years of age and older and a decrease in students under the age of 24, suggesting more adults returned to higher education.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

CCHE Recap of 2010 – Executive Director Munn presented this summary of the CCHE’s work over calendar year 2010. The summary is intended to help the Commission plan for 2011. The CCHE’s work in 2010 was defined by ongoing statutorily defined responsibilities; issues and actions that the Commission chose to address (the “Commission Work Plan”); legislation and other events that occurred during the course of the year that required Commission action; and the Strategic Planning process, which had been announced in 2009.

2011 Workload Matrix – Executive Director Munn presented for discussion a calendar matrix that shows statutorily defined deadlines and other ongoing activities that the Commission is required to carry out over the course of the year. The Commissioners also added to the matrix a list of activities they might focus on in 2011, including:

- Performance contracts
- Finance policy
- Attainment disparities
- Review of role and mission of institutions and Auraria
- Advocacy
- Legislative education, advocacy and action
- P-20 alignment/Governor's Education Leadership Council
- Increasing engagement of partners including the governing boards and other councils and committees.

Commissioner Rodriguez moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brake. The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 pm.

