

Minutes of the Colorado Commission on Higher Education (CCHE) Meeting

Special Telephonic Meeting

June 3, 2011

Chairman Percy called the meeting to order at 1:05pm.

Chairman Hereford Percy, Commissioners Jill Brake, Larry Beckner, Happy Haynes, BJ Scott, Jim Polsfut attended the meeting via conference call. Also participating by conference call were CCHE Advisory members Michael Mincic, Dr. Toni Larson, Ruth Annette Carter, Senator Evie Hudak and Representative Don Beazley.

Dr. Matt Gianneschi, Deputy Executive Director of the Department of Higher Education, served in the stead of Lt Governor Joseph Garcia, who was unavailable to attend the meeting.

Commissioner Scott moved to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2011 meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Haynes and passed unanimously.

CONSENT ITEMS

Proposal to Offer a Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Social Work at Colorado State University

Proposal to Offer a Master of Science in Conservation Leadership at Colorado State University

Reauthorization of Educator Preparation Unit at Colorado State University-Pueblo

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

ACTION ITEMS

FY 2012 Financial Aid Allocations – Celina Duran, Financial Aid Administrator, presented this item. At its January 2011 meeting, the Commission approved a one-year allocation model for the undergraduate program for FY2012 in lieu of the Colorado College Responsibility Program (CCRP) model. The model adopted at the January meeting set a limit on reductions to public and non-profit private institutions at fifteen percent, reduced graduate financial aid by ten percent, and reduced need based aid at proprietary institutions by thirty percent. This item also included recommendations for graduate aid and work-study allocations for FY2012. The allocations appearing in the action item were calculated in accordance with the method approved by the CCHE in January for the need-based aid program. In the 2011 legislative session, the General Assembly appropriated state funded financial aid for Need and Work-Study programs based

upon prior year funding levels. In addition and at the same time, Congress eliminated the Leveraging Educational Assistance Programs (LEAP). The LEAP program was funded by both federal and state (matching) dollars. Because the federal program was eliminated, the Joint Budget Committee approved a DHE staff request to redirect the state match portion of the LEAP program to fund the growth of categorical entitlement programs and need-based aid. The FY2012 allocations for each institution, according to the above method, was presented for approval to the Commission.

Commissioner Beckner moved to approve the financial aid allocation for FY2012. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Haynes and unanimously passed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.