

TOPIC: STATEWIDE EXTENDED STUDIES TRANSITION TEAM UPDATE

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I. SUMMARY

This information item is an update on the status of the department's evolving relationship with the deans and directors group of the Statewide Extended Studies (SES) program.

II. BACKGROUND

Per Colorado Revised Statute §23-1-109, the department consults with the governing boards of state-supported institutions of higher education to coordinate extension and continuing education programs of instruction that may be offered off the geographic boundaries of their campuses. The department previously employed a Director of SES to coordinate this work. Coordination with SES is now the responsibility of the Assistant Deputy Director for Academic Affairs.

III. UPDATE

Since the department no longer has a Director of SES, the deans and directors of SES are encouraged to decrease their reliance on the department for services that were previously offered but are not required by statute, such as planning and facilitating deans and directors meetings and an annual professional development conference. Department staff met with the SES deans and directors and agreed to coordinate a subcommittee of SES deans and directors, known as the Transition Team, with the purpose of studying and making recommendations for:

1. The evolving relationship between SES deans and directors and the DHE;
2. Recommending revisions to C.R.S. §23-1-109 and CCHE policy (including reporting requirements); and
3. Recommending a plan for changing the collection of funds through indirect cost recovery.

The Transition Team and is composed of six SES deans and directors and will be staffed by Ian Macgillivray and Margot Plots for DHE until such a time as the Transition Team or the SES deans and directors determines that coordination by DHE staff is no longer necessary. Beyond that time, DHE will continue to coordinate with the SES program and deans and directors as required and permitted by state law and CCHE policy.

IV. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

This is an information item only. No action is required by the Commission.

V. STATUTORY AUTHORITY

C.R.S. §23-1-109. Duties and powers of the commission with regard to off-campus instruction.