

TOPIC: PROPOSED MODIFICATION TO THE COLORADO MESA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE ADMISSION INDEX

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I. SUMMARY

At its May 21, 2012 meeting, the Board of Trustees of Colorado Mesa University (CMU) approved a change to the institution's admissions index for first-time, baccalaureate-seeking undergraduates effective for students who will be admitted for summer/fall 2013. This action was taken following a legislative modification to CMU's role and mission, which changed the institution's admission standards to "selective" from "moderately selective." The change to C.R.S. 23-53-101, shown below, was enacted by Governor Hickenlooper on April 26, 2012:

23-53-101. University established - role and mission. There is hereby established a university at Grand Junction, to be known as Colorado Mesa university, which shall be a general baccalaureate and graduate institution with ~~moderately~~ selective admission standards. Colorado Mesa university shall offer liberal arts and sciences, professional, and technical degree programs and a limited number of graduate programs. Colorado Mesa university shall also maintain a community college role and mission, including career and technical education programs. Colorado Mesa university shall receive resident credit for two-year course offerings in its commission-approved service area. Colorado Mesa university shall also serve as a regional education provider.

CCHE staff recommend that the Commission approve the recommendations made by the Colorado Mesa University Board of Trustees in accordance with 23-51-101 (1) (d), 23-1-108 (1) (d) & (e), and 23-1-113 C.R.S.

II. BACKGROUND

See background and analysis prepared by Colorado Mesa University (attached).

III. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Commission approve the following adjustments to the admissions policy and supporting documentation:

- 1. Increase CMU's admissions index from 85 to 92 for first-time freshmen students admitted during and after the summer/fall term, 2013.**
- 2. Strike "moderately" from Admissions Policy, section 2.0: Statutory Authority (reference 23-53-101) to read: "Colorado Mesa University, which shall be a general baccalaureate institution with selective admission standards."**

STAUTORY AUTHORITY

23-1-108 C.R.S.

23-1-113 C.R.S.