

Jay Helman, President

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Mr. Hereford Percy, Chair Colorado Commission on Higher Education Department of Higher Education 1560 Broadway, Suite 1600 Denver, Colorado 80202

Dear Chairman Percy,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the second draft of the CCHE's Master Plan. WSCU supports the goals of the master plan. Greater access, increased attainment, improved student outcomes, and affordability are important for WSCU and the citizens of Colorado.

As the Commission moves to finalize the master plan, we ask that you consider the need for institutional flexibility in determining the indicators of progress that are most suitable and appropriate to WSCU. We recommend and support this approach as the Commission works to identify metrics that will be negotiated in the individual institutional performance contracts. This flexibility recognizes each institution's role, mission, and geographic location.

Sincerely

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