

Minutes of the Colorado Commission on Higher Education (CCHE) Meeting
Western State Colorado University
July 25, 2013

Chairman Kaufman called the meeting to order at 10:55am.

Chairman Dick Kaufman, Vice Chair Patty Pacey, Commissioners Jeanette Garcia, Happy Haynes, Monte Moses, Hereford Percy, Jim Polsfut Kevin Reimer, Regina Rodriguez and BJ Scott attended. Also in attendance were CCHE Advisory Committee member Frank Novotny. Advisors Michael Mincic and Ruth Annette Carter attended via conference call.

Commissioner Percy moved to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2013 CCHE meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Scott and passed unanimously.

Western State Colorado University Interim President Brad Baca welcomed the Commissioners to the campus.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Lt. Governor Joe Garcia reported that the Department would be hosting a Higher Education Governing Board Summit for all members of the public institutions' boards of trustees and the Commissioners in September. The final date will be announced soon and the hope is that the Governor can attend. The Summit will address the next phase of the State's master plan and advocacy for higher education, among other topics.

The Lt. Governor also talked about the upcoming campaign in support of Amendment 66 called Colorado Commits to Kids. The ballot measure, if passed by voters in November, will raise additional revenue for education—primarily the P-12 system—through a tax increase.

CONSENT ITEMS

Reauthorization of Educator Preparation Unit at University of Northern Colorado

Reauthorization of Educator Preparation Unit at Adams State University

**Recommend Approval to Offer Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Education
Endorsement at Jones International University**

**Recommend Approval to Offer Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Education
Endorsement at Western State Colorado University**

**Recommend Approval to offer Master of Business Administration at University of
Northern Colorado**

Recommend Approval of Bachelor of Science in General Engineering Plus at

University Of Colorado Boulder

Recommend Approval of Bachelor of Arts in Teaching, Learning and Development at University of Colorado Denver

Recommend Approval of Bachelor of Innovation in Inclusive Early Childhood Education at University Of Colorado Colorado Springs

Proposal to Offer Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Education Endorsement at Metropolitan State University of Denver

Proposal to Offer Teacher Librarian Endorsement at University of Denver

Two-Year Cash Funded Capital Program List Amendment– Colorado State University – Pueblo

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

ACTION ITEMS

Recommend Approval of Revised CCHE Policy I, Part T: Student Appeals– Dr. Ian Macgillivray, Assistant Deputy Director of Academic Affairs, informed the Commission that in an effort to remove unnecessary regulation and streamline Commission policies, Department staff have been consulting with student and academic affairs institutional representatives about revising the CCHE’s Student Appeals Policy.

The revised policy: changes the name of the policy to “Student Complaint Policy;” includes private institutions of higher education (Sections 2.02 &4.05); clarifies that the Department’s role is to act as an ombudsman; advises students on procedures for resolving complaints at the institution where they are or were enrolled; removes the Commission from the process, as in most cases an institution’s decision is binding and not subject to further appeal to the Commission. Department staff cannot remember the previous Commission appeal process ever being used.

Commissioner Moses moved to approve the revised policy. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Scott and unanimously passed.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Degree Authorization Act – Monthly Update– Ian Macgillivray presented this item in Heather DeLange’s stead. This standing information item is intended to provide an update to the Commission on the past month’s activities related to the Degree Authorization Act. The Department:

- 1) Denied Zoubida Cole College's application for authorization as a seminary or religious training institution because the school's proposed degrees were secular in nature and did not meet the requirement of offering only programs that are religious in nature [CCHE policy Section I, Part J, Section 3.04.01 (d)].
- 2) Received an application for seminary or religious training authorization from SUM Bible College and Theological Seminary. The institution's headquarters is Oakland, CA. Staff just began processing this application.
- 3) Received a letter from the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC) regarding the progress that American Pathways University is making toward accreditation.
- 4) Received notification from the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) that the HLC had placed both the University of Phoenix and the Art Institute of Colorado on notice.

The Commissioners discussed an outreach advocacy plan for the CCHE. Commissioners Percy, Haynes and Scott will be on the sub-committee and will work with Nancy Mitchell (Communications Director) and Julie Poppen, (Communications Officers), Inta Morris, (Interim Deputy Executive Director) and Mark Cavanaugh (Chief Financial Officer).

Commissioner Percy moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez. The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 am.