



**Minutes of the Colorado Commission on Higher Education (CCHE) Meeting
Colorado Mountain College – Steamboat Campus
August 7, 2015**

I. OPENING BUSINESS

Chairman Monte Moses called the meeting to order at 12:30pm

A. Attendance

Chairman Moses, Vice Chair Colon, Commissioners John Anderson, Maia Babbs, Renny Fagan, Jeanette Garcia, Richard Kaufman, Vanecia Kerr, Tom McGimpsey, Paula Sandoval and BJ Scott attended the meeting. Also in attendance were CCHE Advisory Committee members Wayne Artis, Steve Kreidler, Mark Cavanaugh, Stacie Amaya, and Melissa Wagner.

B. Minutes

Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2015 CCHE meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sandoval and passed unanimously.

C. Chair, Vice Chair, Commissioners and Advisor Reports

- **Fiscal Affairs and Audit Subcommittee** – Commissioner Scott, Chairman of the Fiscal Affairs & Audit Subcommittee, reported they met on July 17th. She lobbied the new Commissioners to join one of the Subcommittees.
- **Student & Academic Affairs Subcommittee** - Commissioner Anderson, Chairman of the Student & Academic Affairs Subcommittee reported they met on August 4th. Topics included the Guided Pathways statewide convening, Prior Learning Assessments, were updated on COSI and P-



Tech Legislation, and the new. Admissions tool. He also lobbied the new Commissioners to join the Subcommittees.

- IHE Advisor Mark Cavanaugh reported on the work he is doing with Denver Leadership around college access and success.

D. Executive Director Report

Lt. Governor Joe Garcia, Executive Director, reported that Hank Brown received the Merrill Award from the American Council of Trustees and Alumni.

Personnel Updates – Chief Academic and Student Affairs Officer, Dr. Rhonda Eppers has accepted a temporary six-month assignment as interim provost at Community College of Denver. She will remain at CDHE employee, and share her time 80% at CCD and 20% at CDHE.

WIG 1: Halve the Gap by 2025 – The second outreach meeting will be held on September 11th.

Division Updates:

- Study Colorado – Study Colorado is currently hosting a group of twelve international higher education professionals from 6 countries.
- DPOS - has summarily suspended two schools for noncompliance; one massage school and one beauty school.
- DPOS - In December, the Colorado AG office filed a complaint against College America. A hearing was held in April and on July 16 the judge denied the AG's motion. DPOS was not directly involved in this case, although the issues with College America will require continued monitoring of the school.
- Academic & Student Affairs – The Department was awarded a Technical Assistance grant from Lumina to conduct a Student Success “Practices & Technology” inventory last spring. The report is being finalized, and will be available this fall. There was 100% participation from Colorado institutions. The Department was also awarded a second Technical Assistance grant to host a “Guided Pathways Statewide Convening” this fall. The Department plans to feature Colorado institutions that are leading the way, as well as national speakers on Guided Pathways to Student Success. There is a tentative date of Nov 20 for the convening.

II. Consent Items

A. Proposal to Offer Supplemental Academic Instruction at University of Northern Colorado – Dr. Ian Macgillivray

B. Recommend Approval of Associate of Arts in Elementary Education and Associate of Arts in Early Childhood Education Degrees with Designation at Colorado Community College System, Aims Community College and Colorado Mountain College – Dr. Ian Macgillivray



- C. Recommend Approval of COF Eligibility and Student FTE for Extended Studies Programs for FY2016 – Dr. Ian Macgillivray**
- D. Recommend Approval of Bachelor of Science in Engineering Education at University of Colorado-Colorado Springs - Dr. Ian Macgillivray and Dr. Robert Mitchell**
- E. Recommend Approval of Science and Mathematics Educator Endorsement Programs at Colorado State University-Global Campus - Dr. Robert Mitchell**
- F. Recommend Approval of Bachelor of Applied Science Degree in Water Quality at Red Rocks Community College – Dr. Ian Macgillivray**

Commissioner Sandoval moved to approve consent items A through F. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia and unanimously passed.

III. Action Item

A. New Career and Technical Education Tuition Assistance Program, HB 15-1275 - Celina Duran, Lead Financial Analyst. Diane Duffy, Chief Financial Officer presented this item. House Bill 15-1275 is part of the package of workforce bills passed this legislative session. It creates a tuition assistance programs for students enrolled in short term career technical education programs who are not eligible for Pell Grants because they do not meet the credit hour requirement. Under the proposed tuition assistance allocation, institutions receive a proportional amount of the total appropriation based upon the number of certificates awarded in eligible programs as a percentage of the total number of certificates awarded.

Commissioner Scott moved to approve the tuition assistance program HB15-1275. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kaufman and unanimously passed.

Hospital Provider Fee

Commissioner Kaufman proposed the Commission draft and deliver to the 2016 General Assembly, a resolution supporting the adoption of legislation that changes the Hospital Provider Fee to Enterprise Status. This would provide additional budget flexibility that could allow greater state investment in higher education. He further suggested that the Commission strongly encourage the institution's governing boards to support the resolution.

Commissioner Moses moved to approve the Commission sending a resolution to the General Assembly. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kaufman and unanimously passed.

Commissioner Scott moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sandoval. The meeting was adjourned at 1:00pm.

