

**Minutes of the Colorado Commission on Higher Education (CCHE) Meeting  
Arapahoe Community College  
June 1, 2017**

**I. OPENING BUSINESS**

Chairman Luis Colon called the business meeting to order at 1:05pm.

**A. Attendance**

Chairman Luis Colon, Vice Chairman Renny Fagan, Commissioners John Anderson, Maia Babbs, Jeanette Garcia, Vanecia Kerr, Tom McGimpsey, Monte Moses and Paula Sandoval attended the meeting. Commissioner Mary Beth Buescher attended the meeting via conference call.

Also in attendance were CCHE Advisory Committee members Wayne Artis, Steve Kreidler, Misti Ruthven and Melissa Wagner. Dr. Barbara Morris attended the meeting via conference call.

**B. Passing the Gavel**

Dr. Kim Hunter Reed presented outgoing Chairman Monte Moses with a plaque and listed the accomplishments of the Commission under his chairmanship.

**C. Welcome**

Dr. Diane Hegeman, Vice President of Instruction and Provost of Arapahoe Community College (ACC), welcomed the Commissioners to the campus and gave a presentation on the Arapahoe Community College's Castle Rock Collaboration Campus.

She informed the Commission that Arapahoe Community College's Castle Rock Collaboration Campus will be a new campus for ACC in downtown Castle Rock. The construction of the campus will occur in two phases. The project is a partnership with Colorado State University (CSU), Douglas County School District (DCSD) and the town of Castle Rock. The vision for a Collaboration Campus is the result of discussions between ACC, CSU, DCSD, and the Castle Rock Economic Development Council (CREDC) and represents a model for progressive educational delivery from high school through a four year degree, while involving the business and/or service community in the region.

**D. Minutes**

Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2017 CCHE meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McGimpsey and passed unanimously.

## **E. Chair, Vice Chair, Commissioners and Advisors Reports**

- Chairman Colon reported that he participated in the Western Pathways Conference in May noting there were many exciting ideas for addressing issues such as skills gaps and strengthening connections between business and education. The Chairman also attended a dinner with representatives from the Lumina Foundation, where the topic of discussion was the Talent, Innovation and Equity (TIE) Initiative. This new grant program will be by invitation and Colorado is one of the states under consideration. Commissioner Kerr and Katy Anthes, Commissioner of the Colorado Department of Education were also in attendance.
- Parent Representative, Melissa Wagner, thanked the Commission for the opportunity to serve in an advisory role for the last four years, noting this was her last meeting.

## **F. Executive Director Report**

- Dr. Reed reported on several significant meetings and events, including:
  - Roles and Responsibilities in Responding to and Preparing for Institutional Closures. SHEEO convened a meeting of five SHEEOs from across the country, including Colorado, along with national and regional accreditors, and the U.S. Department of Education to discuss, among other topics, the high-profile closings of several institutions. The group focused on students, specifically ideas to ensure quality experiences and student protections.
  - Annual WICHE meeting in Idaho. There were extensive conversations about campus climate, Title IX and sexual assault, WICHE's *Knocking on College Door* report, and how to move high school students forward to college completion
- Dr. Reed announced that the department's CollegeInvest team is hard at work on the ABLE program. This is a 529 program for individuals with disabilities.
- Dr. Reed announced the Colorado Women's Leadership Forum has invited former First Lady, Michelle Obama, to be their keynote speaker this summer. They would like to present her with a T-shirt from every Colorado college to support Mrs. Obama's Reach Higher and Better initiative.
- She reported on the impending departures of Dr. Tim Flanagan, Chief Student Success and Academic Affairs Officer and Dr. Robert Mitchell, Director of Educator Preparation.
- Dr. Reed also shared an article from the Boulder County News about CCHE's Student Representative, Audy Leggere-Hickey, and Audy's return to college.

## **G. Public Comment**

Mr. Frank Waterous, senior policy analyst for the Bell Policy Center, highlighted positive and important components in the draft CCHE master plan: adult learners

and student debt. The Center urges the Commission to make student debt a priority for the upcoming year.

## **II. Consent Items**

- A. Recommend Approval of Bachelor of Applied Science in Interdisciplinary Studies and Bachelor of Science in Radiologic Science at Colorado Mesa University – *Dr. Ian Macgillivray***
- B. Recommend Approval of Master of Science in Materials Science and Engineering, Doctor of Philosophy in Materials Science and Engineering, Doctor of Philosophy in Anthropology, and Bachelor of Arts in Women’s and Gender Studies at Colorado State University – *Dr. Ian Macgillivray***
- C. Recommend Approval of Bachelors of Applied Science in Emergency Service Administration at Arapahoe Community College – *Dr. Ian Macgillivray***
- D. Recommend Approval of Colorado State University – Fort Collins Two-Year Cash Funded Capital Program List Amendment – JBS Global Food Innovation Center Phase II- *Cat Olukotun***
- E. Recommend Approval of Program Plan Amendment for the University of Colorado Denver - Center for Personalized Medicine – *Cat Olukotun***
- F. Recommend Approval of Program Plan Amendment for the University of Colorado Boulder - Systems Biotechnology Building – *Cat Olukotun***
- G. Recommend Approval of Two-Year Cash Funded Capital Program List Amendment – Colorado School Of Mines - *Cat Olukotun***
- H. Recommend Approval of Authorization Change for Relay Graduate School of Education – *Heather DeLange***

Commissioner McGimpsey moved to approve consent items A through H. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Babbs and unanimously passed.

## **III. Action Items**

### **A. CCHE Master Plan**

Kachina Weaver, Chief Policy Officer, presented Commissioners with the pre-publication version of the updated master plan and explained that, if approved, the document would go through a formal professional editing process and then a professional design and printing. Commissioners engaged in discussion about the work and near final product. There was specific discussion about the name of the document and important messaging, as well.

Commissioner Babbs asked how the master plan metrics and indicators of progress will be reported upon and how often. Dr. Bean confirmed that the master plan metrics and indicators of progress will first be reported on November 1st of this year. Additionally, the Data and Research team are working on a dashboard that will monitor progress on the overall statewide goals, indicators of progress, and the performance of institutions.

Commissioner Moses moved to approve the pre-publication version of the updated master plan. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Fagan and unanimously passed.

### **B. Fiscal Year 2017-18 Financial Aid Allocations**

Andrew Rauch, Lead Financial Analyst, brought forward an action item seeking approval of the Fiscal Year 2017-18 Financial Aid Allocations for the State's undergraduate need, graduate need, work-study, merit, and career and technical education financial aid programs.

Mr. Rauch walked through each allocation method and the results and fielded questions about timeline, impact of aid, and where Colorado stands on the national landscape of financial aid.

Commissioner Sandoval moved to approve the financial aid allocations. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Babbs and unanimously passed with Commissioner Garcia abstaining.

**C. Recommendation for the Revocation of Authorization for CollegeAmerica**

Heather DeLange, Academic Policy Officer, presented an action item recommending the revocation of authorization for CollegeAmerica's baccalaureate level programs at the Denver, Colorado campus, except for purposes of fulfilling the teach-out agreements for current students as mandated by the accrediting agency. The recommendation is due to the loss of approval to offer its baccalaureate degrees pursuant to §23-2-101, et seq., C.R.S. The accreditor, Accrediting Commission for Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC), sent communication to the institution citing compliance with standards and requirements on a continuous basis as the main reason for the revocation. In order to minimize the disruption to currently enrolled students, the affected programs will remain accredited for the purpose of the teach-out plan only.

Additionally, Ms. DeLange recommended probationary authorization for the CollegeAmerica – Fort Collins and Colorado Springs campuses. The recommendation is based upon the Warning Order issued by the ACCSC for the Denver campus. Because the Denver campus is the main campus with Fort Collins and Colorado Springs as branch campuses, the branches are under the same warning order until the main campus addresses the compliance issues.

CollegeAmerica representative Rozann Kunstle was in attendance and responded to questions from the Commissioners.

Commissioner Anderson moved to revoke authorization for CollegeAmerica's baccalaureate level programs at the Denver, Colorado campus, as well as changing the authorization of CollegeAmerica-Colorado Springs and CollegeAmerica-Fort Collins to probationary authorization. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McGimpsey and unanimously passed.

**IV. Presentation**

**A. Student Capstone Research On Master Plan Goals**

Michael Vente, Research and Information Policy Officer, worked with Sophia Laderman and Melanie DeHerrera (both University of Colorado – Denver Master of Public Administration students) on their capstone projects, which were presented at the meeting. The topics of each capstone project provide added insight into topics related to the CCHE Master Plan goals; specifically, adult learners in Colorado and erasing equity completion gaps.

**V. Discussion Item**

**A. 2017 Session Legislative Wrap Up**

Kachina Weaver provided an overview of the 2017 legislative session and discussed large interim projects the Department will be working on as a result of enacted legislation. In addition, Ms. Weaver provided information on the proposed federal budget and upcoming visits for Dr. Reed to meet with the Colorado Congressional delegation in Washington, DC.

*There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm*