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## Academic Council

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1:00-3:00pm

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1560 Broadway -Suite 1600 - Denver, CO 80202

Call-in Number: 1-877-820-7831; Access code: 215368#

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### Meeting Notes

#### 1. Greetings and Introductions

In attendance: Jon Bellum (CSU-GC), Kathleen Bollard (CU System), David Moon for Mary Coussons-Read (UCCS), Carol Futhy (CMU), Vicki Golich (MSU-Denver), Diane Hegeman (ACC), Jerry Migler (CCCS), Rick Miranda (CSU-FC), Barbara Morris (FLC), William Niemi (WSCU), Jeff Reynolds for Donna Norwood (Aims), Frank Novotny (ASU), Brad Tyndall (CMC), Robbyn Wacker (UNC), Carl Wright (CSU-Pueblo).

#### 2. Approval of Last Meeting's Notes [see handout: 2014-09-09 - NOTES-AC.docx] Approved

#### 3. Thought Leadership in College Completion – Focused Discussion Series

- Issue #2 – *Using analytics to increase student success*, by Rick Miranda (CSU), Barbara Morris (FLC), and Robbyn Wacker (UNC).

Slide presentation posted on CDHE website. Also see [www.eab.com](http://www.eab.com).

Next month's (November 11) Focused Discussion will be led by David Longanecker from WICHE on federal issues and the Reauthorization of the Higher Education Act.

#### 4. Guided Pathways to Success “technical assistance” proposal to Lumina/HCM – Rhonda Epper, DHE.

Rhonda will keep everyone informed on the progress of our request to receive assistance for a statewide inventory of student success programs and technology platforms; and a statewide convening next spring.

#### 5. Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative (COSI) RFP update – Shelley Woodson, COSI

The RFP has been released: <https://sites.google.com/a/state.co.us/cosi/program-grant-rfp>

Letters of intent due October 24; Proposals due November 14, 2014.

#### 6. Update on HB-1319, Performance Funding – Kachina Weaver, project manager, DHE

See the most current information at:

<http://highered.colorado.gov/Publications/General/1319/default.html>

#### 7. Discussion of proposed changes to Commission Policy I, W: Supplemental Academic Instruction – Ian Macgillivray, Director of Academic Affairs, DHE



- a. See handout: *i-partw\_version 2014-09-22.docx*
- b. The only substantive change to the policy was that the original section 5.03.05 was removed. It is replaced with the new (draft) section 5.03.03. This change eliminates the need for institutions to have their SAI programs reauthorized by the Commission every three years as long as three consecutive years of data shows the institution is successful at improving student outcomes in English and mathematics.
- c. All other changes are clarifications or corrections and do not change the substance of the policy.
- d. Please vet at your institution and send any comments/questions to Ian. Draft policy is slated to go to November 6 CCHE for discussion only and then December 4 for approval.

No concerns were raised about these changes.

8. Discussion of proposed changes to Commission Policy I, V: – Ian Macgillivray, Director of Academic Affairs, DHE
  - a. See handout: *i-partv\_draft revision\_2014-09-22.docx*
  - b. Changes allow for certificates at 4-year institutions to be entered in SURDS so institutions can report enrollment and completion.
  - c. Clarifies which programs need CCHE approval and which programs can be reviewed by CDHE staff before entry into SURDS.
  - d. Please vet at your institution and send any comments/questions to Ian. Draft policy is slated to go to November 6 CCHE for discussion only and then December 4 for approval.

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9. Update from GE Council, PARCC and Math Pathways Task Force – Ian Macgillivray
  - Next steps for the PARCC assessments are (1) Postsecondary Educator’s Judgment Study and (2) the Validity Study. Colorado 2- and 4-year faculty are participating in the Judgment Study December 2014 – January 2015. The study will be used to inform the standard-setting process and cut scores will be set fall 2015.
  - All Statewide Transfer Articulation Agreements currently in development are coming your way for your signature and your CEO’s signature. These are due back November 10 and will go to CCHE for final approval December 4.
  - Math Pathways Task Force membership at <http://highered.colorado.gov/Academics/Groups/contacts.asp?cid=267>. The main goal of the group is to work with representatives from academic disciplines to review their math requirements and adopt alternative courses to College Algebra for non-Calculus based majors.
10. Admissions policy update – Carl Einhaus, Director of Student Affairs, DHE
  - Admissions Council made an additional change to policy. Final approval by CCHE is slated for the November 6 CCHE meeting. Institutional standards will be presented and approved at the December 4 CCHE meeting.

11. State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) update – Heather DeLange, CDHE  
 DHE is now accepting institutional applications for SARA:  
<http://highered.colorado.gov/Academics/SARA/>

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