

SECTION III

PART B STATEWIDE POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION MASTER PLANNING MANUAL

1.1 Preface

The purpose of this statewide postsecondary education planning manual is to: (1) describe the higher education planning process pursuant to Colorado statutes; (2) provide the format and content of the statewide postsecondary education and institutional master plans; (3) provide a connecting structure between the statewide postsecondary education and institutional master plans; (4) develop the master planning process so that it is useful as a management tool; and (5) enhance inter-institutional communication through community-wide discussion of role and mission statements.

The statutory authority for the Commission on Higher Education to engage in master planning is set forth in Colorado statute:

23-1-108. Duties of the commission with regard to system wide planning

"(1) The commission shall develop and submit recommend to the governor and the general assembly statewide master plans for Colorado higher postsecondary education and maintain a comprehensive plan for public higher education in the state with due consideration of the needs of the state, the role of the individual public and private institutions in the state, and the ability of the state to support public higher education. In developing the Master Plan, the Commission shall examine the statewide expectations and goals specified in section 23-13-104 and recommend that the general assembly amend the statewide expectations and goals if necessary. Following amendment of the statewide expectations and goals, the commission shall design the Master plan to assure achievement of the statewide expectations and goals in the most timely, efficient, and effective manner. This plan shall recognize the importance of private and proprietary institutions and the role and relationship of elementary and secondary education in the state, though their inclusion in the plan in no way implies control or state authority over their operations. The Commission, after consultation with the governing boards of institutions and as part of the master planning process, shall have the authority to: Such plans shall include the establishment of priorities for initiation of major programs and new institutions; the."

- a) Establish a policy-based and continuing systemwide planning, programming, and coordination process to affect the best use of

available resources.

- b) Establish such academic and vocational education planning as may be necessary to accomplish and sustain systemwide goals of high quality, access diversity, efficiency, and accountability. Such planning shall include identification by each governing board of programs of excellence at institutions under their control and plans for enhancement and improvement for those programs.
- c) Determine the role and mission of each state-supported institution of higher education within statutory guidelines;
- d) Establish enrollment policies consistent with roles and missions, at state-supported institutions of higher education as described in statute and further defined in paragraph (C) of this subsection (1);
- e) Establish state policies that differentiated admission and program standards and that are a consistent with institutional roles and missions as described in statute and further defined in paragraph (C) of this subsection (1);
- f) Adopt statewide affirmative action policies for the Commission, Governing Boards and State-supported institutions of higher education. Responsibility for implementation of such policies shall be reserved to the Governing Boards.
- g) Report not less than every four years to the Education Committees of the General Assembly on the need for, Advisability of, or progress toward reorganizing the structure of the public higher education in Colorado.
- h) Establish systemwide policies concerning administrative costs.

Pursuant to the statutory requirements of 23-1-107, C.R.S., The Commission shall review and approve—consistent with the institutional role and mission, CCHE performance contracts with Individual institutions, and statewide expectations and goals—all new academic and vocational programs before their establishment. The Commission also is directed to establish policies and criteria for the discontinuance of academic or vocational programs; such policies and criteria must conform to achievement of statewide expectations and goals.

2.00 Statewide Postsecondary Education Master Plan

2.1 The Statewide Master Planning Process

2.1.1 The Planning Period

The Commission shall update the plan as appropriate to reflect changes as directed by the General Assembly, the Governor’s initiatives, Commission initiatives and any additions or deletions recommended by Governing Boards.

Annual updates on the Statewide Master Plan may be presented by the director and the Commission to the Joint Education Committees outlining any additions or deletions.

2.1.2 The Planning Process

The plan will be updated as needed to reflect directives from the General Assembly and the Governor's initiatives. Updated and revised plans will be submitted to the Colorado General Assembly and the Governor.

A. Revision of the statewide postsecondary education master plan.

Revision of the statewide postsecondary education master plan is initiated by the Commission on Higher Education as needed to reflect new legislative directives, the Governor's initiatives, or new Commission initiatives. To initiate the revision activity, the Commission staff will notify governing boards of the role and mission statements and planning assumptions as contained in the current statewide postsecondary education master plan. The governing boards will propose changes or notify Commission staff that no changes are requested.

The governing board's proposed changes and the currently approved role and mission statement and planning assumptions will be circulated within the education community. Commission staff will recommend a role and mission to the Commission based on the needs of the state and an analysis of the governing board recommendation and community comments. Commission approved role and mission statements and planning assumptions will be part of the statewide postsecondary education master plan.

B. Update of statewide postsecondary education master plan.

Updating of the statewide postsecondary education master plan is initiated by the Commission on Higher Education as necessary to reflect legislative direction, the governor's policy initiatives, or commission policy initiatives.

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