

COLORADO COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

August 1, 2002
Special Meeting
Phipps Conference Center
Denver, Colorado

MINUTES

Commissioners

Present: Judith Altenberg; Raymond T. Baker; Terrance L. Farina; David E. Greenberg; Peggy Lamm, Chair; "Pres" Montoya; Ralph J. Nagel; Dean L. Quamme, Vice Chair; James Stewart; William Vollbracht; and Judy Weaver.

Advisory Committee

Present: Wayne Artis; Representative Kelley Daniel; and Derek Johnson.

Commission Staff

Present: Timothy E. Foster, Executive Director; Brian Burnett; JoAnn Evans; Joan Johnson; and Sharon Samson.

I. Call to Order

Chair Peggy Lamm called the regular meeting of the Colorado Commission on Higher Education to order at 8 a.m. in the Phipps Conference Center in Denver.

Action: Commissioner Stewart moved approval of the minutes of the June 6, 2002, regular meeting and the June 25, 2002, special meeting. Commissioner Farina seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

II. Reports

Executive Director Foster reported that Chair Lamm and CCHHE staff members visited Western State College and Adams State College on July 30, 2002, and met with college and community people. It was an opportunity of good dialogue.

III. Consent Items

A. Degree Approvals: Master of Science (M.S.) in Recording Arts at the University of Colorado at Denver

The Regents of the University of Colorado submitted a degree proposal for the Master of Arts (M.S.) in Recording Arts. The University of Colorado at Denver (UCD) designed the proposed degree program to prepare students for careers in audio applications for the fields of mass communications, arts and entertainment industries. The proposal for the degree program evolved out of the technology specialization in UCD's undergraduate degree in Music. The program will have two tracks: recording arts pedagogy and professional recording arts.

Staff Recommendation

That the Commission approve the proposed Master of Science (M.S.) degree in Recording Arts to be offered by the University of Colorado at Denver.

B. Issuance of Bonds and Notes to Finance Authority Loans to Colorado Institutions of Higher Education: Submission of Section 23-3.1-208(1)(B)(1)

The Colorado Student Obligation Bond Authority ("CSOBA"), under Section 23-3.1-206(h) Colorado Revised Statutes, is permitted to use proceeds of bonds and notes to finance loans. Prior to the issuance of such bonds and notes, CSOBA is required to submit a report to the Commission to set forth specific information regarding the bonds and notes to be issued, and the terms and conditions of authority loans made to Colorado institutions of higher education.

Staff Recommendation

Acceptance of the written report submitted pursuant to Section 23-3.1-208(1)(b)(I).

C. Program Plan: 3955 Cragwood Drive (Compassion International Building), University of Colorado at Colorado Springs

The University of Colorado at Colorado Springs (UCCS) proposes to lease a property located at 3955 Cragwood Drive in Colorado Springs (the Compassion International Building) from the University of Colorado Foundation. With the state forecasting at least a four to five year drought in funds for any capital construction projects, UCCS pursued alternative sources of funding to secure the property.

UCCS plans to move the following programs into the building in time for the 2003 spring semester: The Beth-El College of Nursing & Health Sciences (now lodged in trailers at the northwest corner of the campus), other health-related functions (Wellness Center, the Student Health Clinic and the Colorado Springs extension of The Lynn Institute), TheatreWorks, the laboratories for the Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering (MAE) programs and courses for the Network, and Information & Space Security Center (NISCC).

Staff Recommendation

That the Commission approve the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs' Program Plan for 3955 Cragwood Drive subject to the following conditions being met:

1. The Program Plan and proposed lease are approved by the University of Colorado Board of Regents at their August 7-8, 2002, meetings;
2. The lease between UCCS and the CU Foundation is approved by CCHE;
3. UCCS should do due diligence with the neighbors at the current site of the nursing school and inform them the trailers will continue to be used to house university employees until other facilities are finally built;
4. Currently approved program plans for capital construction projects, including the Engineering Building, Dwire Hall, and the Beth-El College of Nursing & Health Sciences, and Natural & Physical Sciences Building shall be revised according to the 3955 Cragwood Drive Program Plan;
5. Staff also recommends the Commission treat this leased space as part of the geographic boundary of the campus for teaching courses within approved programs. Thus, the appropriate SFTE produced in the leased property would be reported for State funding.

Action: Commissioner Quamme moved approval of the staff recommendations for the three consent items, III, A, B and C. Commissioner Stewart seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

IV. Action Items

None

V. Items for Discussion and Possible Action

None

VI. Written Reports for Possible Discussion

A. FTE Service Area Exemption

The Commission accepted the report on the approved service area exemptions that allow community colleges, local district colleges and area vocational school to provide short-term access to a certificate or degree program not available in another institution's defined service area. The FTE is claimable for state support.

Action: Commissioner David Greenberg moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Farina seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 8:10 a.m.