

COLORADO COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

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Pueblo Community College
Pueblo, Colorado

MINUTES

Commissioners

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

Advisory Committee

Present: Wayne Artis; and Derek Johnson.

Commission Staff

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

I. Call to Order

Chair Peggy Lamm called the regular meeting of the Colorado Commission on Higher Education (CCHE) to order at 10:10 a.m. in the College Center at Pueblo Community College in Pueblo, Colorado.

Action: Commissioner Vollbracht moved approval of the minutes of the October 3, 2002, meeting as corrected. Commissioner Montoya seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

II. Reports

A. Chair's Report

Chair Lamm reported that Commissioner Quamme was excused absent.

The Chair introduced Dr. Mike Davis, President of Pueblo Community College, and thanked him for hosting the November Commission meeting. Dr. Davis welcomed the Commission and the higher education community to Pueblo Community College (PCC). In his brief presentation Dr. Davis stated that PCC has three campuses. A new facility at the Fremont campus in Canon City, and two sites in southwestern Colorado, one in Durango and one in Cortez. In the past ten years all of the buildings on the PCC campus have either been renovated or built new.

Dr. Davis reported that the student population at PCC is approximately 5,100 headcount students, or 3200 FTE students in a semester. The majority of the students are local residents. Fifty-five percent of the students are in vocational programs, and 45 percent of the students are in academic transfer programs. The majority of students in the transfer program, both on the Pueblo campus and the Canon City campus transfer to the University of Southern Colorado. The transfer students on the southwest campus transfer to Fort Lewis College for continuation of their studies. PCC provides the largest offering of health care program in the Community College System.

B. Commissioners' Reports

No reports.

C. Advisory Committee Reports

No reports.

D. Public Comment

None.

III. Consent Items

A. Teacher Authorization:

1. Proposal: Literacy/Reading Endorsement at Adams State College

The Trustees of the State Colleges in Colorado requested approval for an endorsement in Literacy/Reading for Adams State College (ASC). Since this is a graduate level endorsement (i.e., the endorsement is offered only to licensed Colorado teachers who have previously graduated from a baccalaureate or master's program) for a public institution that has been previously granted initial teacher education authorization, the request was reviewed under the Commission graduate criteria: role and mission, bona fide need, quality of curriculum, and assessment plan.

Dr. Sharon Samson reported that the Adams State College Literacy/Reading Endorsement program is an example of a program with a strong literacy component. Every classroom teacher must meet literacy standards. Dr. Samson reported that a question was raised regarding clarification of role and mission funding. Adams State College may offer the program on its campus and in its

regional education provider role, once that is defined. Adams State College may also offer the program around the state on a cash-funded basis.

Staff Recommendation

That the Commission grant Adams State College authorization for a Literacy/Reading endorsement.

Action: Chair Lamm moved this item to an Action Item at the request of staff.

Action: Commissioner Vollbracht moved approval of the staff recommendation. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

2. Proposal: Authorization for University of Colorado at Denver in Secondary Education Mathematics

The Regents of the University of Colorado requested Commission approval for the University of Colorado at Denver (UCD) to offer baccalaureate programs leading to Secondary Mathematics licensure. CCHE and the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) have reviewed the documentation submitted by UCD. UCD currently has approved a post-baccalaureate licensure program in Secondary Mathematics. This request would expand the licensure to undergraduate students enrolled in the Mathematics degree program. The State Board of Education (SBE) supports approving a teacher education program at UCD in Secondary Mathematics.

Staff Recommendation

That the Commission authorize the University of Colorado at Denver to offer secondary licensure in mathematics under its Mathematics B.S. degree program.

3. Proposal: Authorization for University of Colorado at Denver in Secondary Education Social Studies

The Regents of the University of Colorado requested Commission approval for the University of Colorado at Denver (UCD) to offer baccalaureate programs leading to Secondary Social Studies licensure. CCHE and the Colorado Department of Education have reviewed the documentation submitted by UCD. UCD currently has approved post-baccalaureate licensure programs in Secondary Social Studies. This request would expand the licensure to undergraduate students enrolled in the History and Political Science degree programs. The State Board of Education supports approving a teacher education program at UCD in Secondary Social Studies.

Staff Recommendation

That the Commission authorize the University of Colorado at Denver to offer secondary licensure in social studies under the proposed History and Political Science B.A. degree programs.

B. Application for Participation in State-Funded Student Assistance Program

The Commission is directed by statute to establish the eligibility guidelines and determine the institutions' eligibility for participation in the Colorado student aid program. After reviewing the application and supporting material, the following schools met CCHE's guidelines for initial participation. The staff recommended that the Commission accept

the following colleges into the state financial aid program:

- Denver Automotive and Diesel College
- Education America
- Heritage College

Staff Recommendation

That the Commission accepts Denver Automotive and Diesel, Education America and Heritage College as eligible institutions for participation in Colorado's state-funded financial aid programs beginning fiscal year 2002-03.

C. Proposal: Policy Concerning Cooperation by Institutions of Higher Education with Federal Anti-Terrorism Measures

Institutions must now forward detailed information to the Department of Immigration and Naturalization regarding all students attending their institution under a student visa. In addition, the Commission will provide the State Office of Preparedness, Security and Fire Safety the reports on foreign student monitoring program.

Staff Recommendation

That the Commission adopt a policy stating: "The administrators at each state-supported institution of higher education shall cooperate with and provide, in an immediate manner, all lawful information requested by the federal bureau of investigation, the central intelligence agency, the immigration and naturalization service, the office of homeland security, or any other federal agency, the state office of preparedness, security and fire safety and the Colorado commission on higher education."

D. University of Colorado at Boulder Lease, Acquisition, and Renovation of 1777 Exposition Drive, Boulder

The University of Colorado at Boulder (UCB) requested Commission approval of the lease, acquisition, and renovation of 1777 Exposition Drive in Boulder. The 86,487-gross-square-foot building is located two blocks from the CU Computing Center on East Campus. The University intends to use the building for research space and for the temporary location of programs that have to move due to renovations elsewhere.

Staff Recommendation

That the Commission approve the program plan for the University of Colorado at Boulder lease, acquisition, and renovation of 1777 Exposition Drive, Boulder with the following conditions:

- That the University of Colorado at Boulder send to CCHE the final financing plan for the building purchase; and
- That the University of Colorado at Boulder submit to CCHE the lease application forms for the lease each time the total lease amount increases from the FY 03-04 rate of \$80,000 a month.

Action: Commissioner Nagel moved approval of consent items A2, A3, B, C, and D. Commissioner Vollbracht seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Consent Item A1 was considered as an Action Item.

IV. Action Items

A. University of Colorado Health Sciences Center Facilities Presentation

Commissioner Baker recommended that the Commission convene into executive session because discussion of the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center (UCHSC) facilities includes the property at Ninth and Colorado Boulevard, and deals with valuation issues as it relates to possible sales of assets over the short term and long term. It also was relevant to related issues at the Fitzsimons property.

Action: Commissioner Baker moved that the Commission convene in Executive Session because the Commission will discuss liquidation issues at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center (UCHSC) property. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion. The motion to go into Executive Session was approved unanimously by roll call.

The Commission went into Executive Session at 10:30 a.m. The Commission meeting reconvened at 11:22 a.m.

Commissioner Nagel reported that the discussion during the executive session about UCHSC was very informative. He suggested that the Commission take a few days to reflect on the discussion, then follow up with a letter to respond to the Commission's position to the UCHSC.

Dr. Elizabeth Hoffman, President of the University of Colorado, reported that until the UCHSC master plan is approved, the university cannot move forward on the Barbara Davis Center and the Center for Oral Health, both may need rapid commitment because they are cash-funded projects.

Dr. James Shore, Chancellor of the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, stated that there are three cash-funded projects that would be significantly set back if there is a six-month delay for final resolution of the RFP process. Tim Romani reported that it would take 45-60 days to implement an RFP, 15-20 days to evaluate the plans and full design begins in June 2003.

Action: Commissioner Nagel made a motion that the Commission develop a letter to the Regents that takes into consideration all the Commission's unanswered questions and concerns. Commissioner Montoya seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

V. Discussion and Possible Action

A. Statewide Transfer Policy

In 2001, the General Assembly passed legislation that required the Commission update its transfer policies and higher education institutions align their transfer practices with state policy. The proposed statewide transfer policy was developed in collaboration with the higher education community.

There was no discussion of this item.

B. Proposed Student Appeals Policy

This agenda item presented a proposed new policy outlining how the Commission will ensure that student issues are heard and resolved – Student Appeal Policy. The proposed policy was developed in collaboration with the chief academic officers of the governing boards. In 2001, the General Assembly passed legislation that outlined a Student Bill of Rights. From student interviews, it became apparent that the current student appeals process was too limited, too long, and not well-publicized. In contrast,

the legislation pertaining to transfer mandates a transfer system “with the broadest and simplest mechanisms feasible, while protecting the academic quality of the institutions of higher education and their undergraduate degree programs.” There was no discussion of this item.

VI. Written Reports for Possible Discussion

A. FY 2002 Tuition and Fee Report

The FY 2003 Tuition and Fee Report is a survey on tuition and fees for the Colorado public institutions of higher education. The analysis of the FY 2003 tuition and fees include: summary tables of FY 2003 tuition and fees for all Colorado public institutions of higher education; room and board expenses; and a national comparison of resident tuition and fees at public institutions showing tuition and fees at universities, state colleges and community colleges.

Ms. Bridget Mullen outlined the key components of the Tuition and Fee Report.

B. CCHE - Capital Assets Quarterly Report (Waivers, SB 92-202 and Cash-Funded Approvals and Leases)

The Commission accepted the capital assets quarterly report.

C. Degree Program Name Changes and Endorsement Titles

The Commission accepted the report on Program Name Changes and Endorsement Titles under Delegated Authority approved by the Executive Director:

A.	Institution:	University of Northern Colorado
	Current Degree Program Title:	Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) in Elementary Education
	Revised Degree Program Title:	Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) in Educational Studies
	Approved by:	Trustees of the University of Northern Colorado

Rationale:

An analysis of this program revealed the Elementary Education Ed.D. to be outmoded. It attracts limited numbers of students because of its narrow focus on elementary education: issues and populations beyond elementary education are omitted. Additionally, the curriculum will be revised to include a more interdisciplinary focus with a core of classes and three cognate areas.

Scope of Proposed Change:

Curriculum will be revised and degree requirements remain the same.

Proposed Action by the Executive Director:

Approve the degree program title change as requested, effective immediately.

Action: Commissioner Greenberg moved to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.