

**MINUTES OF THE  
COLORADO COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION  
Meeting August 4, 2006**

Chairperson Terry Farina called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

Commissioners Terry Farina, Ray Baker, Joel Farkas, Richard Garcia, Dean Quamme, Richard Ramirez, Edward Robinson, Greg Stevinson, James Stewart and Judy Weaver attended. Commission Staff members attending were Executive Director Jenna Langer, Matt Gianneschi, Diane Lindner, and Mary Lou Lawrence. No Advisory Council Members attended.

Commissioners Stewart and Quamme motioned to approve the June 1, 2006 minutes and Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion. The minutes were passed unanimously. Commissioner Farkas motioned to approve the June 13, 2006 minutes and Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion. The minutes were passed unanimously.

Commissioner Stewart stated that the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs contracted with the ENT Federal Credit Union for one, all purpose card to be used by students for every facet of college life. He advocated other institutions should consider a similar card for the benefit of students.

**PRESENTATION BY HANK BROWN, PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO SYSTEM**

President Brown thanked the Commission for working with CU. He stated, for the past 5 years, there has been a disproportional reduction in state funding of graduate programs while enrollment increased 25%. Concurrently, there were errors in cost of living calculations for research financial aid students. During this time, CU used its reserves to cover the reduced funding, reduced mandated costs as much as feasible and obtained research grants. Now, the reserves are depleted and CU's Health Science Center is in severe financial trouble. When additional state money became available, it was applied to the COF stipend rather than to Fee for Service contracts which fund graduate programs. Graduate students are incurring larger student loan debts and some are entering fields that do not pay salaries commensurate with the loan debt incurred. In some instance, there is a federal government limit in the amount of financial awarded to graduate students. President Brown noted graduates of programs at the Health Sciences Center benefit Colorado and its economy. He further stated that 2/3 of the states provided graduate financial aid. Graduate students need financial aid as much as undergraduate students need the aid.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

- Teacher Education Program Proposals in Special Education: University of Northern Colorado
- Teacher Education Endorsement Program Proposals in Linguistically Diverse Education: Colorado State University at Pueblo and Regis University/College
- Teacher Education Program Proposal in Special Education Generalist: Adams State College

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Commissioners Quamme and Farkas moved to approve these consent items and Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion. These consent items were unanimously approved.

- **HB06S-1023 Policies**

Ms. Langer noted that changes to tuition policies have been statutorily mandated pursuant to legislation passed during the special session and the changes concern validation of immigration status and documents to verify same. Waivers were available pending identification of valid documents to prove status. Additionally, she stated that Section N of the proposed policies needed additional revision and withdrew it from consideration.

Commissioner Stewart moved to approve the policies as amended and Commissioners Farina and Quamme seconded the motion. The consent item was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.