

Minutes of the Colorado Commission on Higher Education (CCHE) Meeting  
Teleconference Call  
August 1, 2012

Chairman Percy called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

Chairman Hereford Percy, Vice Chairman Dick Kaufman, Commissioners Larry Beckner, Jeanette Garcia, Happy Haynes Dr. Monte Moses, Jim Polsfut, Regina Rodriguez and BJ Scott attended via teleconference. Also attending via teleconference were CCHE Advisory Committee members Dr. Toni Larson, Dr. Frank Novotny Mark Superka and Ruth Annette Carter.

Commissioner Haynes moved to approve the minutes, as amended, of the June 7, 2012 CCHE meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Scott and passed unanimously.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

Lt. Governor Joe Garcia, Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Higher Education, reported the Office of The State Auditor completed their audit of the Colorado Opportunity Fund (COF) audit. It was a positive overall report that recognizes the flaws in the COF program; how fee for service is calculated, how waivers going over credit hour limits are granted on campus, and how performance contracts didn't have much direct impact either on funding for the institutions or achievement of any overall state level goals.

The Department is preparing for a Congressional Field Hearing that has been set by Senator Michael Bennet's office regarding the Fort Lewis College Native American Tuition Plan. The state spends close to \$13 million of the state financial aid appropriations to pay tuition for both resident and non-resident Native American students at Fort Lewis College, decreed by the Act of 1910. The bill, if passed, would ask the Federal Government to put in up to \$10 million, freeing up \$10 million state dollars which would remain in financial aid funding. The Field Hearing will start on August 22<sup>nd</sup> and the Lt. Governor will be testifying. The Commission was asked if they would like staff to draft a letter of support of the legislation for circulation.

As the Commission has supported this in in the past, Commissioner Garcia moved to have a letter of support of Federal dollars being used for the Tuition Plan drafted by staff. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Haynes and unanimously passed.

The Lt. Governor announced the Budget and Finance Division of the Department has hired Ms. Tonya Gomez as the new Finance Policy Officer replacing Dan Krug. Ms. Gomez will start her employment on August 9, 2012.

### **CONSENT ITEMS**

**Proposal To Offer A Master's Of Science In Education In Mathematics Education At The University of Colorado Denver**

**Proposal To Offer A Doctorate In Integrative Systems Biology At The University Of Colorado Denver | Anschutz Medical Campus**

**Revised Two-Year Cash Funded Capital Program List – University Of Colorado At Boulder**

**Revised Two-Year Cash Funded Capital Program List – Colorado State University**

**Revised Two-Year Cash Funded Capital Program List – Colorado School Of Mines**

**Final Student Fee Policy Approval**

Commissioner Beckner moved to approve the consent items. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Haynes and unanimously passed.

**INFORMATION ITEM**

**Degree Authorization Act – Update on Action Taken by the Private Occupational School Board Regarding College America – Fort Collins Campus** – Heather DeLange, Academic Policy Officer, informed the Commission of action taken by the Division of Private Occupational School (DPOS) Board against an institution authorized under the Degree Authorization Act. House Bill 12-1155 gives the Commission authority to review the authorization status of an existing an institution authorized pursuant to the degree Authorization Act based upon actions of other state boards. The DPOS Board moved to revoke authorization for the College America – Fort Collins Campus at their June 26, 2012 meeting. This institution has joint authorization between the DPOS Board and CCHE. At this time the action has been moved to the Office to Administrative Courts and it is anticipated this action will be resolved by November or December 2012. The institution will continue to operate until resolution under probationary authorization by CCHE and the students have to be notified of the action.

Commissioner Haynes requested the Commission receive the details of the DPOS Board action.

**ACTION ITEM**

**Annual Election of Colorado Commission of Higher Education Officers** - Commissioner Scott moved to postpone the annual election of officers to the September 13, 2012 agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Polsfut and unanimously passed.

Commissioner Beckner moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia. The meeting was adjourned at 4:26 pm.