

Minutes of the Colorado Commission on Higher Education (CCHE) Meeting
Old Supreme Court Chambers, Colorado State Capitol
February 1, 2013

Vice Chair Pacey called the meeting to order at 2:25pm.

Vice Chair Patty Pacey, Commissioners Jeanette Garcia, Monte Moses, Hereford Percy, Jim Polsfut, Regina Rodriguez and BJ Scott attended. Chairman Dick Kaufman attended via conference call. Also in attendance were CCHE Advisory Committee members Senator Evie Hudak, Representative Lois Court, Frank Novotny and Mark Superka. Michael Mincic, Ruth Annette Carter and Keith Owen attended via conference call.

Commissioner Moses moved to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2013 CCHE meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Percy and passed unanimously.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Commissioner Rodriguez informed the Commission that she attended a program at the University of Denver in celebration of the 40th anniversary of the landmark Supreme Court decision Keyes vs. School District 1, which significantly shapes education in the city and county of Denver, the state of Colorado and across the country.

Commissioner Percy reported that he and Commissioner Haynes testified before the Senate Education Committee in support of the SB13-033, the ASSET Bill.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Dr. Matt Gianneschi, Deputy Executive Director, gave the Executive Director Report in Lt. Governor Joe Garcia's stead. He reported that a new Advanced Placement (AP) report was just released showing that over the last 10 years, the number of AP tests administered in Colorado has grown more than 100 percent. In 2002, 8,600 students sat for the AP test. Last year, over 18,000 students were tested. Dr. Gianneschi also referenced the American Dream 2.0 report showing the financial aid program the Commission approved in January reflects the degree in which the program fits in with where the nation is going. The report recommends finding ways to innovate and evaluate strategies to make education more affordable, especially for part time students. The Commission's action in January to adopt a new financial aid allocation method is clearly in line with the report's recommendations.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. George Walker, of Denver, addressed the possibility of Lt. Governor Garcia being chosen to be the next U.S. Secretary of Labor and believes that the state of Colorado and higher education would benefit greatly by keeping the Lt. Governor in his current position.

PRESENTATION ITEM

Dr. Beth Bean, Director of Research and Information, introduced Gary Horvath, an independent researcher. In 2012, the Colorado Department of Higher Education contracted with Mr. Horvath to review and analyze industry, occupation, and completions to provide a foundation for understanding workforce needs in Colorado. The report examines the relationship between industry, occupation and completions and includes regional differences. The researcher used data from the Economic Modeling Systems Incorporated (EMSI) and the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS). The purpose of the study was to collect, review, and analyze data using EMSI to better understand the supply and demand aspects of the workforce in Colorado. Four sections were covered including: economic conditions and outlook, industry changes, occupation changes, and completions (degrees, certificates, awards). This was done for 8 regions of the state. The outcome is to foster continued dialogue between workforce, business, and higher education leaders in hopes of closing the gap between job supply and demand.

CONSENT ITEMS

Reauthorization of Educator Preparation Unit at University of Phoenix

Proposal to Offer Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Education Endorsement at the University of Colorado Denver

Proposal to Offer a Masters of Environmental Management at Western State Colorado University

Two-Year Cash Funded Capital Program List Amendment– University of Northern Colorado

Correction: Recommend Approval of Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Education Teacher Endorsement at the Graduate Level at Regis College, Regis University

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

ACTION ITEM

Proposal to Offer a Doctor of Philosophy in Counselor Education and Supervision at Adams State University (ASU)– Heather DeLange, Academic Policy Officer, presented this item to the Commission. This doctoral program fits into ASU’s role and mission, as well as their statutory role and mission, which states that ASU shall offer a limited number of graduate programs. This proposed doctoral program, which will be taught mostly online, will require two summer “intensives” in which students come to the Alamosa campus for intensive clinical training. The proposed doctoral program will meet the needs of students who cannot attend a traditional campus, because of financial situation or geographic location.

Commissioner Moses asked Dr. Frank Novotny, the Academic Council Representative on the CCHE Advisory Committee, how ASU will be addressing the challenges a new program presents. Mr. Novotny replied the university is able to offer a quality program and stay “in the black”. There are three full master’s degrees every year in the Counselor and Supervision program with full time faculty. ASU is in the process of adding two more faculty members and Mr. Novotny believes the institution has the breadth and experience to offer a Ph.D. program

Commissioner Moses moved to approve Adams State University’s proposal to offer a Doctor of Philosophy in Counselor Education and Supervision. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia and unanimously passed.

FY2013 – 2014 Student Budget Parameters – Celina Duren, Financial Aid Officer, informed the Commission that than decreasing, the maximum Pell grant was raised from \$5,550 to \$5,645 per year for full time students, an increase of \$95. The estimated family contribution (EFC) was increased by \$86. The report shows the monthly budget base for students living with their parents, living on campus and living off campus. The budget items include housing, food, local transportation, personal expenses, book and supplies, child care, a computer allowance and medical expenses.

Commissioner Moses moved to approve Adams State University’s proposal to offer a Doctor of Philosophy in Counselor Education and Supervision. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia and unanimously passed.

INFORMATION ITEM

Legislative Update – Chad Marturano, Director of Legislative Affairs, informed the Commission on the status of higher education-related bills currently in the legislature.

HB13-1004 Colorado Careers Act of 2013 – Creates the career pathways program at the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment. The program provides grants to eligible entities to enable individuals to acquire skills necessary to obtain and improve their employability. The Colorado Department of Higher Education is currently tasked with producing a report on workforce needs and credential production. The bill has been assigned to the House Business Committee.

HB13-1122 Incentive Well Severance Tax Holiday and Higher Education Funding – On July 1, 2013, the bill exempts, for two years, oil and gas from a well that begins production during the two year exemption period from the severance tax. At the end of the exemption period the oil and gas produced is subject to the severance tax. This revenue is deposited in the Colorado Opportunity Fund (COF). The bill has been assigned to the House State Affairs Committee.

SB13-033 In-state Classification Colorado High School Completion – This bill passed the Senate Education Committee vote and will now be going to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

SB13-053 Exchange of Student Data K-12 and Postsecondary – The bill establishes a procedure between CDE and DHE that allows for the transfer of available student data relevant to the

transition from high school to the postsecondary system. The procedure must utilize student unit record data currently collected and maintained by the CDE and administered at no charge to local education providers, public institutions of higher education or students. The bill will be heard by the Senate Education Committee on February 14, 2013,

Commissioner Rodriguez moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Percy. The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 pm.