

**Minutes of the Colorado Commission on Higher Education (CCHE) Meeting
Community College of Aurora
September 6, 2018**

I. OPENING BUSINESS

Chairman Luis Colón called the business meeting to order at 1:10 pm.

A. Attendance

Chairman Luis Colón, Vice Chairman Renny Fagan, Commissioners Maia Babbs, Mary Beth Buescher, Cassie Gannett, Jeanette Garcia, Vanecia Kerr, Pardis Mahdavi, and Tom McGimpsey attended the meeting.

Also in attendance, were CCHE Advisory Committee members Wayne Artis, Mark Cavanaugh, Troy Fossett, Chad Marturano and Misti Ruthven.

B. Minutes

Commissioner Gannett moved to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2018 CCHE meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Buescher and passed unanimously.

C. Chair, Vice Chair, Commissioners and Advisors Reports

- Chairman Colón welcomed new Commissioner Pardis Mahdavi and new Student Advisor Troy Fossett to the Commission. He also thanked Commissioner Vanecia Kerr for her willingness to serve a second term as Commissioner.
- Commissioner Buescher reported that the *Grand Junction Daily Sentinel* had a front-page article on the state's higher education master plan.
- Faculty Advisor Wayne Artis reported that the Colorado Faculty Advisory Council will meet on September 14th.

D. Executive Director Report

- Executive Director Dan Baer welcomed new Commissioner, Dr. Pardis Mahdavi, and new Student Advisor, Troy Fossett. Baer also congratulated Commissioner Vanecia Kerr for being appointed to her second term as Commissioner. He thanked outgoing Commissioners John Anderson and Paula Sandoval for their service. He also thanked Parent Advisor Keri Lee for her service.
- He advised the Commission that following the discussion at the retreat, department staff will be working on an affordability standard over the next few months.
- He announced the second nursing convening would be November 2nd.

- Executive Director Baer reported that the Governor determined K-12 expenses are not permitted uses of 529 plans for the purposes of Colorado tax deductions. This is an issue that surfaced with the federal tax changes back in February.
- At the August 23rd CEO meeting there are discussions about the 44 percent presentation, College Application Month (the CEO's were challenged to waive college applications fees on October 30th), the Education Leadership Council and legal support for DACA students.
- Executive Director Baer reminded the Commission that the funding source for College in Colorado (CIC) has ended. The Colorado Workforce Development Council has provided an "administrative home" for a CIC task force. The department issued a "Request for Information" to try to identify potential partners and learn what other platforms/resources are out there. August 31st was the deadline and is currently reviewing two proposals.

II. Master Plan Progress

Community College of Aurora's Implementation of Master Plan Goal 1: Increase Credential Completion and Goal 2: Erase Equity Gaps –

Dr. Betsy Oudenhoven, President, Community College of Aurora; Dr. Tricia Johnson, Vice President for Academic Affairs; Tamara White, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs; Quill Phillips, Special Assistant to the President for Inclusive Excellence; Chris Tombari, Dean of Liberal Arts.

President Oudenhoven and her staff gave a presentation to the Commission about how the Community College of Aurora is advancing the state master plan goals, highlighting their equity and inclusivity programs and their work on Guided Pathways.

III. Consent Items

A. FY2019-20 Student Budget Parameters – Emily Burns and Emma Fedorchuk

B. Degree Authorization Act: Southwestern Assemblies of God University– Request for Authorization as a Seminary/Religious Training Institution – Heather DeLange

Commissioner McGimpsey moved to approve consent items A and B. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Buescher and unanimously passed.

IV. Discussion Items

A. Proposed Additions to CCHE Policy I, Part N: Process to Seek a Concurrent Enrollment Service Area Exception – Dr. Kim Poast

Dr. Poast, Chief Academic Affairs and Student Success Officer, presented this discussion item regarding proposed changes to Commission Policy I, N: Service Areas of Colorado Public Institutions of Higher Education. Dr. Poast noted that this proposed change would only apply to Concurrent Enrollment programs to adhere to the statutory requirements of HB 18-1052, which requires that the Department develop a service area exception so that local education providers may access specific courses and programs, even if the institution of higher education within their designated service area will not or cannot offer the program. This policy does not apply to institutions that have a statewide service area, private institutions or extended studies programs. Dr. Poast noted that the Department has consulted with

the Concurrent Enrollment Advisory Board (CEAB), the Colorado Community College System (CCCS), the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) and the chief executive officers to add a new section and develop an exception process. The Department intends to solicit feedback from both Academic Council and GE council in the near future. The Department has received some feedback, which is currently being considered in the policy. Dr. Poast noted that this service area exception is not intended to address issues of the cost of courses, or teacher qualifications, and is only intended to address issues of program/course availability. Commissioner Garcia noted that this policy will likely be helpful for districts who struggle to offer concurrent programs and have been running into barriers. This item will be an action item at the October 2018 CCHE meeting.

C. Degree Authorization Act: American Management and Technology School– Request for Provisional Authorization – Heather DeLange

Ms. DeLange, Office of Private Postsecondary Education, presented a discussion item regarding the application for authorization from the American Management and Technology School (AMTS). AMTS is a new, start-up institution looking to establish its domicile in Colorado. Ms. DeLange explained the process that new institutions must go through and identified some challenges that start up institutions must face to obtain initial authorization and begin operation. Ms. DeLange invited representatives from the school to address the Commission. Dr. Sanjay Salunkhe provided the Commission with the reasons the team chose Colorado for its home location. Also present at the table were Dr. Opendar Singh, Dr. Richards, and Chris Georgetti.

Commissioner McGimpsey expressed his concern regarding start up institutions having appropriate financial stability to sustain operations. He asked about the timeline for when the CCHE might see an action item for a vote on the authorization of American Management and Technology School. Ms. DeLange indicated that typically the action item would follow the discussion, however, staff could gather additional information related to the specific CCHE concerns.

Chairman Colón asked how Department staff envisions handling student complaints from students worldwide. Ms. DeLange explained the current options and procedure for student complaints and explained to the Chairman that with online education students may be located anywhere in the world.

Ms. DeLange explained that she would work with the representatives to obtain additional information to provide to the Commission at a future CCHE meeting.

V. Presentation

A. Prosperity Denver Ballot Initiative for Higher Education – Lorie Rabinowitz, Denver Scholarship Foundation and Jim Chavez, Latin American Educational Foundation.

Ms. Rabinowitz and Mr. Chavez explained that Prosperity Denver is a ballot initiative to approve a dedicated funding stream to provide Denver residents with opportunities to attend a Colorado accredited public or nonprofit 2 or 4-year college, university, community college or technical school, which will be funded by a .08% Denver sales tax (about a penny on a \$10 purchase) with a 12-year sunset.

B. Overview of Other 2018 Ballot Initiatives – Mark Cavanaugh, Independent Higher Education of Colorado.

Advisor Cavanaugh reviewed the initiatives on the November ballot for the Commissioners.

VI. Written Report

A. Legislative Report on Developmental Education for the High School Class of 2016 – Michael Vente

Michael Vente, Director of Research, presented this year’s Legislative Report on Developmental Education for the High School Class of 2016. Mr. Vente presented several highlights from the report including a decrease in the statewide developmental education rate from 36.1 percent to 35.3 percent. He also noted that high developmental education needs continue to exist for minority students at Colorado public 2-year and 4-year institutions of higher education. Mr. Vente also summarized several reporting, policy, and research changes related to developmental education including:

- Work towards including developmental education data in the annual Legislative Report on the Postsecondary Progress and Success of High School Graduates which may include removing Supplemental Academic Instruction (SAI) students from the developmental education calculations.
- Develop a report focusing developmental education (including SAI) at Colorado public institutions of higher education including success in gateway/sequence courses.
- Continue to work with institutions of higher education to scale use of co-requisite developmental education (SAI) and find ways to encourage use of this model for all students needing remediation.

Commissioner Garcia asked if use of remedial Concurrent Enrollment by high school students before high school graduation increased remedial rates. Mr. Vente said that those students may not be counted in the cohort developed for the report. Commissioner Garcia asked if more K12 districts are using remedial Concurrent Enrollment. Advisor Ruthven said that a balanced approach on the use of remedial Concurrent Enrollment was being implemented by K12 districts.

Commissioner Gannett requested that the Commission have more opportunities to learn more about the K12 performance metrics used by districts and how remedial rates played into those metrics. Advisor Artis asked that a future CCHE learning session focus on how SAI is being used and implemented at institutions as well as plans on reporting, policy, and research around developmental education. Chairman Colón said that progress in moving the needle on remedial needs were being made but that more drastic movement was needed to reach all the Commission’s master plan goals.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:35pm.