



Admission Council Meeting *NOTES*

Thursday, October 12, 2017, 2:00-3:30pm

Department of Higher Education

1560 Broadway, Suite 1600 (16th Floor), Denver, CO 80202, Emily Griffith Room

Attendance:

Carl Einhaus	CDHE	Cyndee Stewart	Aims
Lauren Shondeck	Western	Matt Bonser	Colorado College
Mathew Cox	UCCS	Kris Binard	FRCC
Shane Larson	CMC	Michael Poll	Mesa
Timalyn O'Neill	CSU	Sean Broghammer	UNC
Morgan Raleigh	MSU Denver	Annie Reznik	Coalition Application
Spencer Ellis	CDHE	Tim Groves	Coalition Application
Colleen Newman	CU Boulder		

1. Greetings and Introductions

Carl took a moment to recognize the invaluable contributions that Melissa Trifiletti brought to Admissions and higher education in Colorado. Melissa, Vice President of Enrollment and Access at CSU, passed away in August. Melissa will be greatly missed by our community and beyond, and we were fortunate to have her as a colleague.

2. Coalition Application Presentation

Annie Reznik, Director of Coalition Application, and Matt Bonser, Director of Admission – Systems, Operations & International, Colorado College

- Annie Reznik and Tim Groves from the Coalition presented
- History, tools, Q&A over Coalition were discussed – embraces a college-going culture – wants IHE’s with a 60% graduation rate or higher to participate - PP will be shared with Council distribution list
- Matt (CC) explained his perspective and experience with the Coalition application

3. Admission one-pager update

- a. Edits based on feedback
- b. Use of subscores/subject scores

Carol Smith, Fort Lewis

- Carl reminded the group that the one-pager will be a replacement of the index chart—the index will retire with the new policy which goes into effect fall 2019
- Referencing Carol Smith’s question, Carl asked should we include subject/sub scores (mid-50%)? Most members believed that including the subject scores might be too much information for a one-pager overview of admission standards
- Carol Smith worried that as a result, will this one-pager just be another version of the index with no value added. Carl and others shared that the hope is that having both GPA and test score ranges will provide more in-depth information for students with high GPA’s and low test scores (and vice versa) – also, it illustrates the deconstruction of the different factors which go into making an admission decision – and it’s a good conversation starter. It was decided to not



include subscores for now but can revisit in the future. *Carl will included text that IHE's will often also look at subscores in making decisions (particularly math and English)*

- Old SAT scores column—remove it? Group says yes, *eliminate the old SAT score column* as the majority of students will have taken the new exam.
- Mathew Cox brought up that it can be confusing that a 4.0 GPA is in the middle 50% range. A 4.0 in the mid-range is likely due to IHEs bumping up GPAs for weighted courses. *Carl will add language noting that weighted GPA is included in the mid-range*
- The mid-range data is from SURDS which is old (fall 2015 when students are applying for fall 2018). Should institutions provide updated info? IHEs agreed to be able to provide more recent data...possibly for the most recent admit fall term...but when to publish the updated one-pager? *Carl will discuss with CDE to find out when it would be best for high school counselors/students to have it updated (July? August? October?)*
- Disclaimers (accurate as of fall of that date AND Carl's note being this is a guide)
- Have this document documented annually and ready by October 1
- Carl will solicit further feedback from HS counselors

4. GED/TASC/HiSET coding working group (rep's from 2 and 4-year IHE's and DAG)

Carl asked for volunteers to be part of this sub group to work on future coding of the high school equivalency exams as IHEs may begin using the “college ready” and “college ready plus credit” scores from these exams for course placement. *Kris Binard (FRCC) will check to see if someone from the system will be willing to represent 2-year institutions. Colleen Newman (CU Boulder) will ask her operations group to see if someone is willing.*

5. PWR Endorsement Group reconvening – discussion surrounding what will be of value – intent to show a student will be successful per [SB 17-272](#) and incorporate value of Concurrent Enrollment (CTE & academic)

Carl shared that the PWR Endorsement Group is reconvening to accommodate the above legislation. He will keep the Admission Council updated and solicit their feedback.

6. Additional Items?

a. DHE Updates ([Master Plan](#))

Carl provided a quick update regarding the new Master Plan.

7. Follow up from last meeting and reminders:

a. First Gen questions tabulated

Carl shared the updated list of first gen questions from admission applications from those IHEs who provided the information. *He will be reaching out to the IHEs who have not yet provided their first gen language.* From there, Carl and the data team will determine which question is most common as possible direction for unified first gen question in Colorado.

8. Topics for next meeting?

9. Next meeting: **Thursday, December 14th, 2 – 4 pm**