



Admission Council Meeting Notes

Thursday, February 11, 2016, 2:00-4:00pm

Department of Higher Education

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

Attendance:

Andrew Burns	Fort Lewis		Lauren Shondeck	Western
Carl Einhaus	DHE		Melissa Trifiletti	CSU
Catherine Wilson	CU Denver		Misti Ruthven	CDE
Chrissy Holliday	CSU Pueblo		Nahum Kisner	CCD
Christina Jean	CDE		Oliver Grenham	Adams 50
Heather Boyd	Mines		Sean Broghammer	UNC
Ian Macgillivray	DHE		Shane Larson	CMC
Julia Pirnack	CoC		Timalyn O'Neill	CSU
Kevin MacLennan	CU Boulder		Vaughn Toland	MSUD

Agenda

1. Greetings and Introductions.
2. Competency Based Learning on Transcripts Discussion ...Misti Ruthven, CDE Director of Postsecondary Readiness and Christina Jean, CDE Director of Innovation and Choice

Christina presented on competency based learning by referencing a handout she provided titled; "Update on Competency-Based Systems at the Colorado Department of Education". Oliver Grenham, Chief Education Officer at Adams 50 School District, provided some information regarding their competency based program. Christina announced that she will be hosting a round-table discussion on competency based education and best practices to display the work on transcripts and school/district profiles – the event is scheduled for **April 5th** and will be held in the Denver metro area. All are invited – and are asked to RSVP by March 18th:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/colorado-k-12-and-higher-education-competency-conversation-tickets-21571086701>

3. GED equivalency score decreasing to 145...Misti Ruthven, CDE

Misti shared information regarding GED’s announcement to retroactively change the high school equivalency cut score from 150 to 145 (for the test administered 2014 and after). Students who scored 145-149 will be contacted by GED and will be sent a diploma. Two other levels of scores have been confirmed: College Ready; and College Credit. How and if these scores will be used in Colorado in the future is in discussion. A summary of the changes and test score levels can be found here: <http://www.gedtestingservice.com/educators/score-changes>



Per statute, CDE engaged in an RFP process for state equivalency exams. In addition to GED, CDE is considering two other state equivalency exams (HiSET & TASC) who are under contract negotiations. No decisions have yet been made.

4. [Admissions Planning Tool](#) update...Carl Einhaus, DHE

Carl provided a demonstration of the online admission standard tool. Those in attendance provided positive feedback and offered a few recommendations for changes. Please assist DHE and CIC with promoting the tool!

5. SAT webinar interest? Ken Woods (Director for Higher Education, College Board) or colleague would provide...Carl Einhaus, DHE

Carl discussed the state's change from administering the ACT to the SAT, which begins next year (2016/17) – the PSAT will be administered starting this year. Concordance tables between the new SAT and the old version as well as with ACT will become available in May. CDE has been working on getting the word out regarding the change to students and families. Some misinformation regarding the “why” of the change was shared (some high school counselors suspected that the change was financially motivated and will not benefit students). DHE, CDE, and CIC will work together with messaging regarding the change to SAT. The written component is still optional (no institutions present stated that they require the written component). Carl will work with Ken Woods (College Board) to set up webinars regarding the SAT changes for Admission folk and Academic Advisors. (June 14th from 2-3:30 pm has been scheduled for folk in Admissions.)

6. Additional Items?

Ian Macgillivray announced work on changes to the statewide remedial policy. Many changes will reflect current practice, as well as providing additional nationally recognized and validated options for students to place into college level courses (GPA, AP scores, etc.) Vaughn Toland volunteered to be on the remedial task force.

7. Next meeting: TBD.