

## **MINUTES**

Student Affairs Council  
November 10, 2010

Department of Higher Education  
1560 Broadway, Denver, CO  
16<sup>th</sup> Floor – Emily Griffith Room  
1:00-3:00 pm

- I. Greetings and Introductions
- II. Follow-up from October meeting
  - No additions/corrections from meeting notes
- III. AART Activities
  - A. Complete College Colorado (AKA: Degree Dividend / 30 Days of Degree Attainment)
    - The C3 initiative kicked off Monday on the Auraria campus. This week is the business workforce week of the initiative. Financing your education occurs next week.
    - Refer to Handout (Fact sheet – Complete College Colorado).
    - The Governor is reaching out to students who have credits but who have not yet completed. Exploring pulling another list of non-completers; have found that the previous list a couple years ago but it's not very clean.
    - Will send out the list to institutions to clean up and use for this initiative. We will look to the institutions to find the best avenue to reach these students.
    - Suggestion to check the website everyday to keep apprised of updates and highlights. The Governor will be attending an event each week that will be highlighted.
  - B. Closing the Ethnic Achievement Gap
    - i. CiC Pre-collegiate conference March 25<sup>th</sup>
      - CIC is the outreach component for DHE and have a person that focuses on outreach to students of color
      - Looking to convene groups to help advance students in education, trying to leverage the interest of the groups collectively.  
Timeframe: looking to mid-December to begin. If not mid-December probably will be put off until February.

- Be aware of the opportunity to focus on ethnic achievement gap issues at this conference.
- ii. DHE/ACT Postsecondary Forum (TBD)
- ACT has offered to sponsor (pay for)
  - This forum will be broadened to a larger focus and will include the ethnic achievement gap discussions
  - Focus will be to keep it as economical as possible
  - Interest is there but with some trepidation due to costs
- C. CiC's Application Month – common application???
- Have seen a pattern of applications moving backwards, apps from students of color seems to be up but it's hard to tell if this is a direct result of CiC's application month.
  - Common application – CCCS has a common application in terms of the information collected. Do not require a lot of the other criteria that other colleges require. CSU participates in the national common application program. Would like to hear the reaction of the admissions people regarding this idea. A lot can be done with technology that would drive the ease of a common app. Students seem to want this
  - How would the application fee be handled?
  - Need to talk with admissions directors about this initiative.
- D. Disability Directors' Meeting (share resources)
- Trying to have a conversation to leverage resources across institutions to see what inst are offering students with disabilities. When these folks were contacted, there was a range of responses, from amenable to defensive. We are asking to get on their agenda. The consortium also includes private schools and Wyoming representatives. They do a great job of sharing best-practices.
  - Resources include services, books, etc. Literal sharing of resources.
- E. Discussion of implications to SSAOs on HESP – Higher Education Strategic Plan
- Strategic plan/master plan was adopted at the Nov 4 CCHE meeting. The SP is now considered a draft master plan and the CCHE is taking comments on this master plan document until December 2 and will be presented to the General Assembly on December 15.
  - Four Sections: Access, Accountability, Affordability, Quality
  - How long is the wait to make sure that the initiatives work? If differential levels of funding for support services and students, how can we have affordability or access across all institutions?
  - How scalable are these recommendations across the institutions? There are good things occur in niches but haven't found a good way to scale the outcomes.

- Looking at matrices to bring this document to life...to think the kind of data reporting that is needed and if this is the kind of data that will mean something. Currently, SURDS doesn't capture the type of data that other systems collect.
- Some institutions are tracking the students achieving the goals that student's state.
- One complication – stating a goal will get them financial aid whether they mean it or not. Real intent gets lost with financial motives.
- Need to have a better set of indicators that capture data that tells the whole story not just part of it that then depicts a failure.
- Access – pathways have to allow the flexibility to stop out for various work or family obligations.
- Unintended compromises are being found
- The brush when looking at data is a little too broad. Worried about stating across the board we are making general statements for all institutions/students
- Should we be rethinking the funding model to focus on the completion of students?
- Having a greater emphasis on completion is where we're heading.

#### IV. Updates of Interest

##### A. FY 12 Budget – Andy Carlson

- Gov's office and DHE delivered proposed budgets to the JBC. Won't be finalized until late April or early May. Real numbers may not be known until after that due to economy.
- 14% decrease is likely
- Money is being moved around to protect the Native American program at Fort Lewis which is constitutionally protected.
- Silver lining: the reduction that is projected is better than originally thought
- Substantial shortfall that still needs addressing.
- The one sure thing with each forecast is that it's wrong.
- Student fee subcommittee update: Subcommittee is comprised of four institution representatives and four student representatives. Group is looking at making those recommendations to the commission in February. If some recommendations lead to legislation then there is still time to address initiatives in the 2011 session. May be more to share in the next SSAO meeting in December.

##### B. College Access Challenge Grant Scholarship

- Funded by the US Dept of Ed focused on low-income, first generation students in the state.
- ~\$700,000 in scholarship dollars for about 300 students

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*Conferencing Room Number: \*1770121\*.*

- Scholarship criteria: (suggestions)
- Pell Eligible
- Must complete the Education Cents financial planning component
- Must be at least part-time
- Incentives to students to go full-time
- No age criteria (high school senior, current college student, adult learner)
- In kind matching from institutions
- Develop clear points of contact with the recipients
- Attempting not to duplicate resources – combining with other recipients from DSF, Daniels Fund, etc. CACG will help by supporting the institutions with the extra case load.
- Friday will see an event at St. Cajetan's on the Auraria Campus. These students will receive \$2,500 to take with them to any institution in the country. The Governor will meet and congratulate these students at this event.

V. Institutional Sharing

- Metro has an increase of students with disabilities and has been told they need to increase the staff due to the higher case load.
- FRCC is seeing the same increase in students with disabilities. Higher civil rights issues. Instructors are not expected to spend an extraordinary amount of time to assist in one on one help.
- UNC had a significant case recently that was averted by the team. A lot of people partnered and worked together to avert the situation.
- Thoughts to improve employee morale at low cost/no cost: More communication, informal after hours gathering, leveraging events on campus, sports events, rallying around the preexisting events.
- Seeing an increase of numbers of issues with mental health issues. Increase on campus of temporary disabilities (i.e., car accidents, etc.).
- CSU inoculated over 7,000 students in one day and will do another round on Thursday.

VI. Student Affairs Meeting Dates for 2011 – the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month; however, we will meet on the third Wed for some months (Feb, March, and Nov) to allow for SAC to following GE (Mon), AC (Tues) which are on the second Mon/Tues in each month. For Dec 2010 we will meet on Wed, Dec 15<sup>th</sup>.