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## **Admission Council**

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Department of Higher Education  
1560 Broadway, Denver, CO  
16<sup>th</sup> Floor - Emily Griffith  
1:00 pm – 3:30 pm

## **MINUTES**

### **I. Introductions (see attached attendance sheet)**

### **II. Welcome**

*Dr. Kim Poast, Associate Deputy Director- Access & Student Services*

Welcome from the Department of Higher Education (DHE)

Department updates:

- One of the Departments main tasks for the next few years is to revise several policies, including the Admission policy (for example Index scores, HEAR, SAT/ACT cut scores) the transfer policy, and the remedial education state-wide policy.
- Complete College America (CCA) - We received a \$1 million “Completion Innovation Challenge Grant” from Complete College America, to engage the community college system and other community colleges in remediation redesign/reform. Ten of those intervention colleges are piloting innovations starting in January, and there is an ongoing task force looking at policies/best practices and recommending changes to the system. We are excited about the work and the level of conversation happening around the state in remediation. Requirement of CCA grant is to use a nation-wide common set of metrics. It required us to look at our data differently than we have in the past. (This information was sent to you ahead of time.) We now have a state wide summary and individual institution data. If you have any questions, please let us know.
- DHE Reorganized as an office, Kim’s area now focuses on access and student services, including admission and access, GEAR Up, College in Colorado (CiC), and College Access challenge grant (CACG). CACG is now a part of CiC. We also merged our two Spanish-speaking hot-lines and are working to ensure data on CiC is the same data CCHE, institutional research and DHE budget officers have approved.

### **III. Budget Update**

*Mark Cavanaugh, Chief Financial Officer*

- The state is up 2.4% in General Fund revenues but this is still \$400M below fiscal year 2008. Also fixed obligations increased 11% leaving a shortfall of \$680M for FY 2013. Medicaid needs have increased 72% since 2008. During this same period, HED has grown with a 33,000 FTE increase, 52,000 K-12 increase in student enrollment. There is no increase in K-12 funding this year leaving an effective shortfall of \$350M for

FY2013. The Governor's goal is to close the state's structural funding gap over two 2 years. For more details see the OSPB website.

- For higher education, the FY2012 General Fund allocation is \$519 million. The FY2013 request is \$30M less at about \$490M. The total FY 2013 request for higher education is \$60 million less but half the cut is requested from financial aid. This approach attempts to balance the FY2013 reduction and that is why it is coming from financial aid and operating. Higher Ed has been reduced about 31% since FY2010.
- Elements interesting to watch: Senior Property Tax Exemption. By statute it is back in effect, unless legislature suspends again with legislation. If it does not get suspended that is another \$100 million that will need to come out of the budget. The House supports bringing back the Senior Property Tax Exemption.
- The Governor's request also assumes a 4% reserve. The states fixed obligations are going to continue to increase. Caseloads will continue to grow but at a slower rate. These fixed obligations will continue to eat the lion's share of new money. Colorado does an outstanding job with the resources we have. National trend in higher education, Colorado is on the cutting edge in doing more with less.

#### **IV. Purpose of this group**

Purpose of this group is to increase communication with admissions Directors/Deans and DHE. Barb Edwards (UCD) asked to have the contact list updated. Tamara will send the list out to the group for updates. DHE wants to make sure we are communicating efficiently and effectively.

#### **V. College in Colorado update**

We have moved one person to head up postsecondary relations, Shelby Burnett. Shelby will serve as the single point of contact for colleges with CiC. Dawn Taylor Owens in January is going to set up a work group to look at the uniform application. Kevin and Barb are involved in this group. If your institution requested to have the uniform application disabled, it has been disabled.

#### **VI. CDE update**

*Charles Dukes, Senior Consultant for High School Initiatives, Dropout Prevention and Student Engagement, Colorado Department of Education*

- CDE Graduation guideline adoption has been put on hold so it can be implemented effectively. Task force wants mastery not seat time, which will take some time. Additionally want these guidelines to complement the new admission policies.
- Concurrent Enrollment Advisory Board first year implementation of asking districts to comply with state regulations on Concurrent Enrollment. We sent forth 1000 names for ASCENT to the CDE budget.
- HB1319 new rules for Concurrent Enrollment eliminate fast track, fast jobs, PSEO. College tuition rate for Concurrent Enrollment will be paid for at a community college rate.

#### **VII. CAP4K,**

*Emmy Glancy, Academic Policy Officer*

SB212, CAP4K legislature, passed in 2008. Intent was to improve our public education system by aligning PreK expectations with Post-secondary expectations. First stage was to align

definitions across DHE/CDE. College and Career Readiness is the same as post secondary workforce readiness. In 2009 Colorado adopted new state standards. Next step is to adopt an assessment system. Two assessment consortia have been created. Next step is reviewing and revising the admission policy. Updating our educator effectiveness standards (see CAP4K handout). Starting to implement next year. Implementing new assessment between 2014 and 2016, waiting on funding.

### **VIII. Financial Aid Update,**

*Celina Duran, Coordinator of Financial Aid*

- Financial aid has been held harmless the last few years in terms of total dollars to institutions, but enrollment has continued to increase, meaning less \$ per student. Now we are starting a process to talk about how allocations will be reduced.
- A meeting with CFO and Financial aid on Monday, 11/29. DHE is trying to target what aid is out there for most vulnerable students. We are looking for the most agreeable reduction. Financial aid was cut \$24.6 million and work-study was cut \$5.5 million, roughly 1/3. We are currently not sure how Pell grant funds will be affected. COF amount will be reduced, not sure how much.

### **IX. Statewide Policy review process**

*Tamara White Johnson, Director of Admission and Access Policy*

- By 2014 we have to revise the statewide admission policy and remedial education policy. We have developed a three year policy review process. Beginning with communication and letting people know we are reviewing these policies. We are going to create an admission and transfer review task force and a remedial education review task force. We will be asking a variety of stakeholders who they want on this task force. We are going to assess current policy, align with other standards and see where the gaps are in the current policy. This is a great time to be talking about these policies because there are many conversations happening right now. We will propose new policy and bring that to this group to vet.
- Who do you think should be on that task force? Institutional research representation, assessment and testing, Kevin is interested in being on the admission and transfer review policy task force, ask the GE council and Academic Council. Please let me know if who you have other suggestions.

### **X. Research and Reports,**

*Dr. Beth Bean, Director of Research and Information*

- RFP for research at DHE was sent out in early October. Three committees were formed to go over the proposals (Please see RFP sent ahead of time). We will share the information we receive from each of these studies. If you have any questions that you think we need to look at on your campuses, please let me know.
- Noel Lovitz is doing 2 research studies for DHE, looking at enrollment studies with CDE and DHE data, in support of P-20 focus. Colorado admission summary was shared at the meeting. This data is different than national data.
- Overview of DHE web-site. Go to data and reports, this is our i3 database. If you have questions, contact Beth. Beth will get back to the group about HEAR reporting and how this information is being used.

**XI. Updates on policy**

**A. Education success task force**

This group is putting forth 4 bills.

- Reverse transfer degree (a separate pilot is already happening with Metro and CCD)
- Credit for prior learning/experience
- Middle school intervention
- Having students take Accuplacer in 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, or 12<sup>th</sup>

Judi Diaz Bonaquisti is the Admission representative

This group divided into 2 committees (Best practices, and intervention and prevention)

**B. Developmental Education task force**

Talking about remedial education in Colorado and has three subcommittees (Assessment student services and student options)

**C. Jobs for the future looking at early and middle college policy design**

If interested in serving on an Advisory board, please let me know.

**XII. Post Secondary Workforce Ready High School Endorsed Diploma**

*Emmy Glancy, Academic Policy Officer and*

*Eric Carpio, Assistant Vice President, Adams State College*

**XIII. Upcoming Meeting**

- Thursday, February 16, 2012, from 1:00pm – 4:00pm
- Wednesday, April 25, 2012, from 1:00pm – 4:00pm