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## Student Affairs Council September 12, 2012

Colorado Department of Higher Education  
Emily Griffith Room  
1:00 PM-3:00 PM  
Meeting Minutes

Call In: 1-877-820-7831; enter participant code 215368#

### I. Greetings and Introductions

- In attendance:
  - Christina Gonzales- CU Boulder
  - Patricia Matijevic (phone)- Aims
  - Erin Hoag- CCCS
  - John Marshall (phone)- CMU
  - Blanche Hughes (phone)- CSU Ft. Collins
  - Renee Orlick (phone)- CSU Ft. Collins
  - Bruce Gifford (phone)- CSU Pueblo
  - Judi Diaz-Bonaquisti (phone)- Metro
  - Wesley Homer (phone)- UCCS
  - Raul Cardenas- UCD
  - Gary Pierson (phone)- WSC
  - Betsy Oudenhoven- CCA
  - Kim Poast- DHE

### II. Master Planning update- Inta Morris

- **Final master plan documents have been sent to institutional governing boards for comment.** Extension from legislature to allow institutions more time to provide feedback. The newest version contains indicators of success that will be incorporated into performance contracts. PC's process will begin very shortly, with completion by December 2012. Copies of master plan distributed to SAC following meeting.

### III. Budget/Financial Aid/Legislative Update-

- No budget update now. Forecast has not been released.
- CCHE has been looking deeper into financial aid, and discussed this at length at the CCHE retreat in August. This will be an ongoing discussion in the next few months, as the CCHE examines the current methodology of distribution and considers alternative models. Among topics being discussed related to FA distribution philosophy include: time to degree, at-risk students, full/part time status, etc. No model has been proposed for changing, but we will keep you updated as these discussions progress.
- The DHE is currently working with some institutions on implementation of reverse transfer legislation. In the longer term, the DHE will be examining PLA and options for the state. Academic Council has been discussing establishing common scores among PLA options (including CLEP, IB, AP, DANTES, etc). has not addressed portfolio assessment, which SAC notes is an academic issue. There are tools available that may be helpful to use at a state level (including Learning Counts, a CAEL product), which we will explore in the future.

### IV. DHE updates

#### a. *College In Colorado/ College Invest*- Dawn Taylor Owens & Angela Baier

- Introduced Angela Baier as new CEO of College Invest. "EdCents" will be migrating from College Invest to College In Colorado. Financial literacy content and modules will remain the same, but the "brand" will be phased out. The transition will take several months, and will have no immediate impact, but we will keep you updated as the transition progresses. IN addition, Maria Elena Rivera is the new Outreach Director for CIC.

#### b. *District at a Glance* (Research)-Nakia Collins

- Nakia Collins demonstrated the new "District at a Glance" portal on the DHE website: <http://highered.colorado.gov/i3/DistrictHSSummary.aspx>. The new feature allows for district level examination of college going rates (private, public, out of state), remediation, high school graduation rates, financial aid, concurrent enrollment and first year postsecondary outcomes. For the first time, Colorado is able to examine all graduating seniors and match them using K12, DHE and National Student Clearinghouse data. Currently available for 2009 cohort, but this will be expanded as more data is available. Suggestion from SAC to create a secure portal where institutions can access information in more detail. Contact Nakia for more information.

#### c. *Study Colorado*- Inta Morris

- Study Colorado has launched, and has all public institutions involved and gaining momentum with some private schools. Focus of Study Colorado is to highlight Colorado as an international student study destination. Website in development as well as marketing materials. Inta will provide information to Kim for distribution.

d. *Policy Review (Remedial/ Transfer/ Admissions/ Supplemental Academic Instruction)*- Kim Poast

- Policy review is ongoing, and making good progress. Renee Orlick from CSU Ft. Collins provided an update regarding Admissions/ Transfer- There is a long way to go, but they are being very intentional about the process. Among items of discussion include:
  - i. The index and whether or not that is the most appropriate tool (currently index weighs GAP/ACT equally, however research suggests that GPA is better predictor of success.
  - ii. How to incorporate PARCC assessments, Colorado Academic Standards, Endorsed Diploma and other CAP4K components into process.
  - iii. Integrate concurrent enrollment, PLA, etc. into policies.
- Supplemental Academic Instruction draft has been distributed to Institutions for feedback/comment. Expected to go to the CCHE at their November, 2012 meeting for approval.
  - SAC suggestions: A couple of brief comments from the SAC regarding the SAI policy:
    - In the intro, or very near the beginning, an explanation that clarifies what SAI is and what it is not. Particularity, that this policy does not preclude institutions from offering tutoring, peer support, etc. as long as it is not “for credit” “tied to a gateway (transfer) course” and “cost bearing.” The point being that this shouldn’t get in the way of otherwise innovating in other areas of student support. This should be in the intro at some point.
    - The definition of SAI should be near the top of the policy, and should be one of the first things the reader reads. (rather than at 6.05)

e. *PWR/ Endorsed Diploma Pilots*- Kim Poast

- Pilot districts are launching with ED include Aurora Public Schools and RE-1 Valley. In discussions with other districts, but nothing firm.

f. *Division of Private Occupational Schools*- Lorna Candler.

- Lorna is the new Director of DPOS. DPOS is the regulatory agency for private technical schools (non baccalaureate), of which there are over 300 in the state. DPOS is in the process of establishing protocols for data collection based on new state statute.

g. **Institutional updates**

- Suggestions from SAC for ongoing topics:
  1. **Minors on campuses**, particularly in campus housing. The state has not addressed at all, but it is a growing concern with more students entering residence halls under the age of 18.
  2. **Concealed-Carry** issue- CU noted that of 8000 students, not one request for a concealed carry permit, although it is a huge concern particularly for residential campuses. CSU allows for

concealed carry permits, although housing contract prohibits weapons. Currently, CRS allows for some exemptions to concealed carry permits including K12. Higher education not included in those exemptions. There may be legislation introduced this session that would include higher education in those exemptions.

3. **Threat assessment-** in light of Aurora shooting a reminder to pay attention to threat assessment teams, practices and policies. CU having Brett Sokolow, Executive Director of The National Center for Higher Education Risk Management in October. Deb Coffin is going to look into the possibility of hosting a special session for CSSO's, or having DHE host a separate meeting.