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Academic Council

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Department of Higher Education

1560 Broadway - Suite 1600 - Denver, CO 80202

Call-in Number: 1-877-820-7831; Access code: 368215#

To join the webinar: <http://connect.enetcolorado.org/r6rviwp1tfy/>

Notes

1. Greetings and Introductions

In attendance: Mike Lightner (CU System), Rick Kreminski for Mary Coussons-Read (UCCS), Carol Futhy (CMU), Vicki Golich (MSU-Denver), Janet Brandau (CCCS), Kathy Pickering for Rick Miranda (CSU-FC), William Niemi (WSCU), Terry Parker and Kay Schneider (CSM), Ann Bentz for Robbyn Wacker (UNC), Barbara Morris (FLC), Linda Comeaux (CCCS), Donna Norwood (Aims), Ian Macgillivray & Rhonda Epper (CDHE).

2. Approval of Last Meeting's Notes [see handout: *2015-08-11- NOTES-AC.docx*]

Approved without changes.

3. GPS Statewide Convening Update – Rhonda Epper, CDHE

National Credentialing Summit video from its last meeting is worth watching.

4. GE Council Update – Ian Macgillivray, CDHE

5. Constituent Review Team - Prior Learning Assessment process

a) Tallied votes and rankings [see handout: *tallied results for CRT.docx*]

Members approved by Academic Council:

1. Academic Council, 2-yr member
 - Diane Hegeman (ACC)
2. Academic Council, 4-yr member
 - Barbara Morris (FLC)
 - Rick Miranda (CSU)
3. General Education Council, 2-yr member
 - Scott Thompson (NJC)
4. General Education Council, 4-yr member
 - John Lanning (UCD)
 - Bernice Harris (MSU Denver)
5. Data Advisory Group, 2-yr member
 - Lee Ann Sappington, Assoc. Dean (Aims)
6. Data Advisory Group, 4-yr member



- paula.dickson@ucdenver.edu, Director, Institutional Research and Effectiveness and a member of the PLA committee at UCD (UCD)

7. Commissioner

- Jeanette Garcia - Yes

8. Workforce/Veteran representative

- Marc Barker (CSU), Military and Veteran Benefits Manager & President, National Association of Veteran Program Administrators

9. Parent representative

- Stacey Zis, Chair, State Advisory Council for Parent Involvement in Education (SACPIE)

10. Registrar, 2-year

- Lori Kester (CCD, Dean, Enrollment Services)

11. Registrar, 4-year

- Charlie Couch (UNC, research)

6. Prior Learning Assessment – Phase 1, Goal 1: General Education (goal = Dec. 2015)

- All information posted here: <http://higher.ed.colorado.gov/academics/admissions/pla.html>
 - Five webinars for faculty were conducted. Faculty want time to share the presentation and notes with their departments and report back. Ian is providing support.
 - [see handout: *Notes - Written Communication - 2015-09-25 v2.docx*]
 - [see handout: *Notes Econ - History - Psych 2015-09-24.docx*]
 - [see handout: *Notes Spanish and Visual Arts 2015-09-23.docx*]
 - [see handout: *Notes - Natural and Physical Sciences Webinar 2015-10-01.docx*]
 - [see handout: *Notes - PLA webinar for Mathematics - 2015-10-02.docx*]
 - General points of agreement and learnings:
 - Faculty request one month to have these conversations and will report back to Ian end of October. Ian will share that information with AC and GEC.
 - Concern: Different cut scores for gen ed vs. major credit will not ease transfer between majors on same campus or between institutions. Could impact financial aid and COF too because if they switch majors and are given the credit for the new major it could raise or lower their class standing.
 - Need faculty to have the academic conversations but then it needs to go to the folks who implement it practically, like registrars, to consider how it will affect students in non-academic ways.
- AC doesn't think c) i above will be a stumbling block. Students have 180 (?) credits worth of financial aid before it runs out.
 - Institutions that have not been awarding credit for 3 on AP and 4 on IB will not have hard data on how students do in subsequent coursework. Rather, the data will be more circumstantial.
 - Move forward to AP and IB. Put CLEP and DSST on hold for now.
 - Next steps: Institutions collect feedback from departments and get to CDHE by October 30. CRT meets in November and considers feedback and recommends cut scores to CCHE's December 3 meeting.