

Academic Council

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Colorado Department of Higher Education
1560 Broadway – Suite 1600, Denver, CO 80202

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Notes

1. Greetings and Introductions – *Ian Macgillivray, CDHE* (1:00 – 1:05)

- Welcome Dr. Kim Poast, Chief Student Success & Academic Affairs Officer

In attendance: Jon Bellum (CSU Global), Tom Boyd (CSM), Vicki Golich (MSU Denver), Diane Hegeman (CCCS), Deb Kish (Aims), Mike Lightner (CU System), Cheryl Lovell for Rick Miranda (CSU), Barbara Morris (FLC), Matt Nehring (ASU), William Niemi (WSCU), Cynthia Pemberton (CMU), Bruce Raymond (CSU-P), Linda Van Doren (EGTC), Leo Welch (UNC). CDHE: Kim Poast, Ian Macgillivray, Spencer Ellis.

2. Approval of Last Meeting’s Notes (1:05 – 1:10)

- [see handout: 2017-11-14- NOTES-AC.docx]

Approved

3. Query: Which Institutions Have “Maker Spaces” Where Students Can Invent and Try Out Ideas? - *Inta Morris, CDHE* (1:10 – 1:25)

Inta Morris explained that the Department is exploring whether and how the Department can be helpful in promoting maker spaces. The following institutions noted they have such spaces: Emily Griffith, UNC, Aims, FLC, ASU, MSU Denver, CMU, UCB, UCD, UCCS, CSM, RRCC, ACC and LCC. It was noted Denver Public Library also has such a space. Common themes were:

- The spaces are most often program-specific (i.e., just for students in a particular program);
- Students most often require training before being able to use the equipment in the spaces and supervision while using the equipment; and
- Most of the spaces are not open to just any student, except CMU’s is open access.

4. Q&A on Baccalaureate Degrees at Community Colleges – *Ian Macgillivray, CDHE* (1:25 – 1:45)

- [see handout: *SB 14-004.pdf*] and note yellow highlighted parts.

Does the reference to service areas in 23-60-201, C.R.S. modify how proposed programs should be considered? Or is the intent of the bill to consider proposed BAS degrees from a statewide perspective? CDHE staff discussed and conclude proposed BAS degrees should be considered from a statewide and regional perspective (proximity to 4-year institutions that offer same/similar degree), not a service area perspective.

5. Proposed BAS in Geospatial Science at Front Range Community College – *Ian Macgillivray, CDHE; Diane Hegeman, CCCS and Andy Dorsey, FRCC* (1:45 – 2:05)

- [see handout: *DRAFT Agenda Item BAS in Geospatial Science at FRCC.pdf*]

Discussion points and questions raised:

- Will be offered at FRCC’s Longmont Campus but there’s nothing preventing FRCC from eventually offering it in the Denver metro area. There is currently no intent to offer the program



in the Denver metro area. FRCC reported the students interested in this BAS mostly come from north of the Denver metro area.

- MSU Denver submitted feedback to correct inaccurate information about its similar degree.
- MSU Denver, UNC and CU System requested the item be delayed because they need time to assess any impact on their institutions.
- CCCS reported that delaying the proposal will not leave sufficient time for HLC approval and for FRCC to begin offering the program fall 2018.
- There were concerns that there has been no discussion or collaboration with 4-year institutions before this point. The 4-year members of Academic Council request more time to consider these proposals and wish the community colleges would work with them rather than be competitive.
- Since statute is not explicit about a process approval of BAS degrees, and since CDHE is setting precedent in its handling of such proposed degrees, time should be allowed for careful consideration of a process for consideration and approval of BAS degree proposals.

6. Revised CCHE Policy I, V: Creation, Modification and Discontinuance of Academic and Vocational Degree and Certificate Programs – *Ian Macgillivray, CDHE* (2:05 – 2:15)

- CDHE webpage - Process for submitting new/modified/close program requests:
<http://higher.ed.colorado.gov/Academics/DegreePrograms/default.html>
- This policy should have a statement in it noting that new programs should be included on Academic Council agendas each month, like they are below, but with clarification as to whether it's a new, modified or discontinued program.
- CDHE added this information from Policy I, V to its webpage that explains how to submit new, modified and discontinued programs: "Institutions should follow their normal process to ensure compliance with any Title IV, federal Gainful Employment, or accreditation requirements."
- Questions raised regarding certificates:
 - Which certificates get counted towards the performance funding model?
 - Which certificates, offered at 4-year institutions, are COF eligible?
 - Request for general information on COF eligibility at the next meeting.

7. Query: Is There Interest in a Statewide PLA Portal? – *Ian Macgillivray, CDHE* (2:15 – 2:25)

- Pennsylvania's example: <https://www.cfasttrack.org/>
- Academy One provides the initial technology set up for \$25,000 - \$35,000.
- Annual subscription of \$3,500 - \$5,000 per institution to maintain (based on total # of institutions in the state that are using the service). Annual subscription could be subsidized fully or in part by charging students a fee to have their portfolio reviewed.
- Cost varies for the training (provided by CAEL) for faculty and advisors to do reviews.

Ian will send the power point presentation for this to Academic Council who will share it out on their campuses to gauge interest and will bring back responses at the next meeting.

8. Registrar and GE Council Updates– *Ian Macgillivray, CDHE* (2:25 – 3:00)

- Math Pathways & Meta-majors
 - Colorado Math Pathways Task Force [final report and recommendations linked here](#). At least see Executive Summary on pg. 2.
 - [see handout: *DRAFT Colorado meta-majors_2017-12-14.pdf*]
 - Use April 10 (overlaps with HLC) Academic Council meeting for a lunch and deep dive into Math Pathways? Or would May 8 Academic Council be better?
- SAI Math scale up

9. New, Modified & Closed Programs

- CSU-Fort Collins

- B.S. in Data Science
 - M.A. in Counseling and Career Development
 - M.S. in Ecosystem Sustainability
 - Ph.D. in Ecosystem Sustainability
- CSU-Pueblo
 - B.S. in Early Childhood Education
 - M.S. in Athletic Training