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Academic Council

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Colorado Department of Higher Education
1600 Broadway – Suite 2200, Denver, CO 80202

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

1. Greetings and Introductions
    In attendance: Mohamed Abdelrahman (CSU-P); Mark Anderson (UNC); Josh Baker (CCCS-PPCC); Tom Christensen (UCCS); Margaret Doell (ASU); Kathryn Eggert (UCB); Karen Ferguson (CSU-G); Vicki Golich (MSUD); Kurt Haas (CMU); Michael Lightner (CU-System); Rick Miranda (CSU); William Niemi (WCU); Cheryl Nixon (FLC); Kathryn Regjo (CMC); Linda Van Doren (EGTC); Misti Ruthven (CDE); Andy Tucker (CDE); Shelley Banker (CDHE); Ben Boggs (CDHE); Christina Carrillo (CDHE); Kim Poast (CDHE); Chris Rasmussen (CDHE)

2. Approval of June and August Meeting Notes
     [see handout: 2019-08-13- NOTES-AC.pdf]
    Notes for June and August approved.

3. Announcements and Discussion
    a. CCHE Meeting Debrief (Kim Poast, Chris Rasmussen)
        *   This was the first full CCHE meeting with the slate of 6 new and 5 continuing commissioners. The agenda included two items related to academic affairs: a service area change for Colorado Mountain College, and a proposed policy change to articulate the process for requests, review, and approval of select baccalaureate degree programs at CCCS institutions and local district colleges.
    b. Colorado Department of Education presentation on new high school graduation requirements and implementation by school districts (Misti Ruthven and Andy Tucker)
    c. Complete College America Colorado Momentum Planning Academy – September 26-27, University of Denver (information and registration at https://highered.colorado.gov/Academics/complete-college-america.html).
        *   Updates on the upcoming event and preparatory webinars were provided.
    d. Statewide Transfer Agreements update (plan to Revisit, Revise, and Renew) – Fac2Fac conference Friday, October 25, CSU-Pueblo
        *   Chris shared a memo to Academic Council that outlined the Department's plan for revision of all 34 existing Statewide Transfer Articulation Agreements, and a calendar of which agreements would be revised at each of the next four Fac2Fac conferences. Council members were asked to share this information with deans and faculty so representatives of the Fall 2019 disciplines could be identified and committed to attend the October 25 event.
    e. Launch of CDHE Equity Toolkit – Wednesday, September 25 (Shelley Banker)
        *   Shelley Banker, COSI Director, discussed the launch of the Equity Toolkit. This is the product of the Talent, Innovation, and Equity (TIE) grant initiative, funded by the Lumina Foundation. The toolkit is designed to engage faculty in three different areas: allow them to engage in ongoing self-inquiry; allow them to create and maintain a culturally responsive classroom; and allow them to incorporate equity minded coursework into their classrooms. This will allow faculty to make sure all students feel included and welcomed in all classrooms on all campuses.

f. Commission approved changes to CCHE Policy Section I, Part N: Service Areas of Colorado Public Institutions of Higher Education

- The Commission approved a small change in the policy to include all of the Salida school district in the service area of Colorado Mountain College, and correct an error in the policy that had Chaffee County in the service area of Pueblo Community College (when it is actually in the service area of CMC).

g. Proposed revisions to CCHE Policy Section I, Part V: Creation, Modification and Discontinuance of Academic and Vocational Degree and Certificate Programs

- This was a Commission discussion item on articulation of a process for requests, review, and approval of select baccalaureate degree programs from two-year colleges. There was discussion about the appropriate role of Academic Council as a consultative rather than a decision-making body. It was suggested that the use of "consensus" in the policy for Academic Council was too strong, and connoted decision-making authority. A role of Academic Council in a variety of policy matters is due diligence—to help ensure that proposed policies and Department actions are vetted appropriately.
- It was suggested that the policy should include language allowing a dissenting institution (one opposing a proposed program) to provide documentation of concerns.
- Revised language will be presented to Academic Council in October and brought to the Commission as an action item at its October 24 meeting.

4. New, modified, and closed programs

New
Colorado State University
- Graduate Certificate in Advanced Silviculture for the Practicing Forester
- Graduate Certificate in Carbon Management
- Graduate Certificate in Radiological and Nuclear Safety

Colorado State University—Global Campus
- B.S. in Finance
- B.S. in Cybersecurity
- Graduate Certificate in Military and First Responder Psychology
- M.S. in Military and First Responder Psychology

Colorado State University--Pueblo
- Graduate Certificate in Homeland Security Studies
- Graduate Certificate in NSA-CAE in Cybersecurity Security Defense
- Graduate Certificate in Recreation Leadership
- Graduate Certificate in Sustainability
- Graduate Certificate in Construction Manager
- Graduate Certificate in Estimating and Planning Construction Costs
- Graduate Certificate in Advanced Construction Manager
- Graduate Certificate in Six Sigma Green Belt
- Graduate Certificate in English
- Graduate Certificate in Railroad Engineering
- Graduate Certificate in Nurse Educator
- Post Masters Nursing Certificate

Fort Lewis College
- B.A. in Art K-12 Education
- B.S. in Biochemistry Secondary Education
- B.S. in Biology Secondary Education
- B.S. in Chemistry Secondary Education
- B.A. in English Secondary Education

- B.A. in Entrepreneurship & Small Business
- B.S. in Exercise Science K-12 Education
- B.A. in History Secondary Education
- B.A. in Mathematics Secondary Education
- B.A. in Theatre K-12 Education
- B.A. in World Language Secondary Education
- M.A. in Special Education

<u>Modified</u>

None

<u>Closed Programs</u>

None