



Admission Council Meeting **NOTES**

Thursday, March 12th, 2014, 2:00-4:00pm
Department of Higher Education
1560 Broadway, Suite 1600 (16th Floor), Denver, CO 80202
Emily Griffith Conference Room

Agenda

1. Greetings and Introductions

Table with 2 columns: Attendance, Institution. Lists names of attendees and their respective institutions.

2. Admissions Planning Tool update

Carl Einhaus, DHE

URL purchased: www.CoAdmissionsTool.org

Carl provided updates on the tool – it will be going into production soon. The plan is to test in early – mid April with GEAR UP students, and the Admissions Council. June is the likely go-live date depending on how testing goes. The tool’s title will be something like; “College Admissions Planning Tool in Colorado”- simple and easily understood what it is.

Index will be included in the tool – it will be communicated in the same way it is now (minimum score, not a “range”) as to keep it consistent and not to confuse.

It was expressed that the current design of the transfer admission part of the tool may need to go into another direction – instead of having the policy guide (i.e. 24 hours after high school graduation), point students toward each institutions unique transfer admission standards. Some



institutions and departments have specialized requirements that the policy doesn't adequately address.

3. Discussion on when institutions will begin using the new admission policy (reference emailed Excel spreadsheet titled; "Desired begin term new admission policy")
Group

A very long discussion took place regarding the benefits of all institutions beginning fall 2019 with the new policy. The Admissions Policy allows institutions to begin using the new policy when they want, within the fall 2016 – fall 2019 timeframe. However, it would be ideal if all institutions began using it at the same time to decrease confusion to the public, and allow for a longer period of easing the public into understanding the changes and letting go of the index.

Carl met with DAG in late February regarding the changes to the new admissions policy and its impact on SURDS (Carl sent out and referenced the Word document titled; "The New Admissions Policy and SURDS" which he emailed out to the group earlier that day). No changes to SURDS reporting were identified. It was identified that the index is not reported in SURDS, but is computed at DHE from data submitted by institutions. All in attendance agreed that they couldn't think of anything that would impact reporting, so SURDS will likely not be of impact in deciding which term to begin. Carl and Ian will do a little more digging into SURDS documentation to be sure.

A few institutions would like to begin using fall 2016, all else prefer or are ok with starting fall 2019. Carl will talk individually with the institutions who would like to start fall 2016 to learn of their specific concerns or considerations in waiting until fall 2019, with the hope of getting a consensus of a fall 2019 start for all. Many institutions current practices are already consistent with the new policy, so there won't be much change. Transfer admission will be a significant change for some institutions. Additionally, different start years might be difficult to reflect on the new online admissions tool.

Carl will lead, with assistance from others, a marketing campaign to get the word out regarding the new policy and tool.

4. Additional Items?

From Kevin MacLennan: With PARCC being in the news recently, please keep making sure it is communicated clearly that PARCC is NOT part of admissions, and will not be until and if validated. Kevin advised using the word Placement - not "college ready" as the term can be interpreted as meaning admission.

5. Next meeting: **Thursday, May 14th** (no meeting in April) *Carl will sent out cancellation*