



Admission Council Meeting

Thursday, April 12, 2018, 2:00-4:00 pm

Department of Higher Education

1560 Broadway, Suite 1600 (16th Floor), Denver, CO 80202, Rachel B. Noel Room

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Attendance:

Carl Einhaus & Kim Poast	CDHE	Jess Savage	Fort Lewis
Mathew Cox	UCCS	Lauren Shondeck	Western
Shane Larson	CMC	Catherine Wilson	CU Denver
Timalyn O'Neill	CSU	Kim Medina	Mines
Colleen Newman	CU Boulder	Chris Seng	CSU
Andy Tucker	CDE	Charlie Couch	UNC
Vaughn Toland	MSUD	Kristi Wold-McCormick	CU Boulder
Kristen Cusack	CCA	Brandon Fletcher	CSU Global
Tiffany Kingrey	CSU Pueblo	Heather Daniels	CSU

1. Greetings and Introductions

Introducing our new Chief Student Success & Academic Affairs Officer, Dr. Kim Poast

Carl introduced CDHE's new CSS&AAO, Dr. Kim Poast. Kim worked at CDHE previously in a role similar to Carl's position, and most recently worked at Denver Public Schools leading college-prep initiatives.

Kim discussed current work on the Prior Learning Assessment Policy, in particular, work requiring incorporating military credit and transfer as directed by HB17-1004. A request to provide feedback regarding the Department's recommendations to comply with the Bill was discussed – information regarding the survey to provide feedback is below (copied from email forwarded to the Admission and other Councils):

At the Commission's request, we are providing an additional window of time to gather feedback from GE Council, Academic Council, CFAC and other constituent groups on recommended inclusions. One way in which we are collecting feedback is through [this survey](#), which will be open until April 20, 2018 at 5:00 PM.

2. Statewide electronic transcript data exchange

Registrar Council - Chris Seng (CSU) and/or Kristi Wold-McCormick (CU)

Guest Registrars, Chris Seng and Kristi Wold-McCormick, discussed their initiative to build momentum for a statewide electronic transcript data exchange using a PP (Carl will forward to Admission Council). The process would allow all public (and any privates who elect to participate) institutions of higher education to share student transcripts in XML or EDI format so data could upload directly to SIS's or degree audit systems (instead of just receiving a PDF requiring manual entry of transfer course work). A similar initiative was enacted by a [Bill in Indiana](#). (After meeting note: Chris Seng clarified that the Indiana legislation is only for HS to college transcripts, not college to college.) Carl will begin conversations with CDHE leadership regarding the idea. Kristi asked for Admission folk to be on task force – Charlie Couch said he'd talk with UNC staff, and Carl will reach out to CCCS if/who they would like to be included.



3. CO ACRAO Discussion

Charlie Couch (UNC)

Charlie led discussion on work to create a CO ACRAO. The creation of a state-focused group could lead to greater collaboration between IHE's and Registrars and Admission staff. RMACRAO Conferences have been steadily declining in attendance, especially when the event is out of state (the July Las Cruces event was recently cancelled due to low registration numbers). The state ACRAO would be in addition to RMACRAO. Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws are in the works. Once a draft is ready, Charlie will be sure to send out to Registrars and Admission Staff.

4. Discussion: using self-reported GPA for admission decisions

Catherine Wilson, CU Denver

Catherine led the discussion regarding using the applicant's self-reported GPA in making an admission decision (for first-time applicants only). This is a growing trend in the nation – it has been found that the vast majority of students self-report honestly. Tiffany (CSU Pueblo) shared that their institution has recently begun making conditional admission decisions based on self-reported GPA's. An official decision is made when the transcript is received and the GPA is verified. Also, they do not do this for index scores below 90. Transcripts are due June 15th. The practice was developed in consultation with their I.R. Director. **Tiffany** will share documentation that she has created so far.

5. Discussion: regarding the new policy for transfer admission, how will your institution consider students with between 13 – 23 college credit hours?

The new Admission Policy (which begins fall 2019) changes the transfer admission threshold to 24 or more credits. Current policy sets the threshold at more than 12 credits. Discussion regarding how IHE's will handle students between the old and new transfer admission policy credit threshold was led by Mathew (UCCS). It's good to start considering this change ahead of time so IHE's can prepare and train their admission processing staff.

6. Admission one-pager update

Carl shared updated data for mid-50% GPA and test score ranges that he recently received from the CDHE data team. After he moves the data into the formatted one-pager, **Carl** will share with the Admission Council for review before posting online. **Carl** will also verify that the SAT scores for English are indeed the new EBRW.

7. CDHE is moving to: 1600 Broadway, Suite 2200, Denver, CO 80202 (22nd floor)

8. Additional Items?

9. Follow up from last meeting and reminders:

- PWR Endorsed Diploma Workgroup update (group is meeting for 3rd time on April 19th – recommendations will be shared with the Admission Council – it is being considered the value an Endorsed Diploma would bring.)

10. Topics for next meeting?

11. Next meeting: **Thursday, June 14, 2 – 4 pm**