



Admission Council Meeting *NOTES*

Thursday, February 14, 2019, 2:00-4:00 pm
Department of Higher Education
1600 Broadway, Suite 2200 (22nd Floor), Denver, CO 80202, Emily Griffith Room
Web: <https://enetlearning.adobeconnect.com/admissioncouncil/>
Phone: 1-877-820-7831; **Participant code:** 368215#

Attendance:

Carl Einhaus	CDHE	Ashley Marshall	CSU Pueblo
Mathew Cox	UCCS	Colleen Newman	CU Boulder
Timalyn O'Neill	CSU	Andy Tucker	CDE
Vaughn Toland	MSU Denver	Lauren Shondeck	Western
Jess Savage	Fort Lewis	Sean Broghammer	UNC
Kim Medina	Mines	Kim Maxwell	MCC
Morgan Raleigh	MSU Denver	Sonia Gonzalez	FRCC

- Greetings and Introductions
- CDHE has a new Executive Director: [Dr. Angie Paccione](#)
- Certificate programs and the new admission policy. The policy states that students who are participating in certificate programs, even those through Extended Studies programs, need to meet the same admission requirements as degree-seeking students. I was wondering if there are any exceptions to that. *(Tiffany Kingrey, CSU Pueblo)*

After much discussion regarding the exact verbiage (see below) and the intent of the [admission policy](#) in regards to certificate programs, it was thought that certificate programs are not degree seeking and would therefore not require students to meet the admission criteria. However, after the meeting and while writing the meeting notes, Carl read additional language from the policy that seemed to specify that certificate programs offered through extended studies WOULD be required to meet admission standards for students. As such, Carl has requested additional information from Tiffany regarding CSU Pueblo's certificate programs offered through the Department of Corrections and is drafting proposed language to exempt these types of arrangements from the admission policy. It is Carl's stance that the spirit of the new admission policy would allow for this exemption, as would the master plan goals in getting students back into the education pipeline so that they can earn a credential and contribute to society. As such, more to come on this topic.

Relevant admission policy sections:

[Students required to meet standards from new policy:](#)

4.01.03.03 Students admitted to degree and **certificate of completion programs** offered through an institution's Extended Studies program.



4.01.03.04 Applicants who wish to enroll in a degree or **certificate of completion program** offered either through Extended Studies, including Off-Campus State-Funded Program or under the authority as a Regional Education Provider shall meet exactly the same institutional requirements for admissions that are applied to students enrolling on campus.

Exemption criteria from new policy:

4.04.02 Applicants enrolled **as non-degree seeking students are exempt from the first-time admissions standards.** This includes but is not limited to summer-only enrollment; formal Colorado Consortium exchange programs with a planned enrollment for one year or less; and those who have not been formally admitted to an institution and who wish to enroll in any off-campus coursework not offered as part of a complete off-campus degree program.

4. Updated Admission Policy

(Carl Einhaus, DHE)

a. Getting the word out

Carl has continued presenting and getting information out regarding the new admission policy – he most recently presented at the CASE conference in Westminster on February 7th.

b. Should everyone report HEAR?

School of Mines shared with Carl that they would prefer not to report on HEAR via SURDS as HEAR is NOT a strong predictor of success for their students. Other more specific course factors like the successful completion of Calculus and similar are more relevant for their engineering programs. The Admission Council seemed open to the idea. Carl will need to confirm internally that this is an option. It was also asked what HEAR and admission data is an will be used for – why is DHE collecting it if no longer reporting on it? Carl will ask that an admission report be generated again yearly that would include HEAR statistics as well as other academic information. Carl may reach out to the Council asking what they would specifically like to see in the report. Ideas included specifics on admit credentials for Colorado residents and including a statewide admit rate.

5. Reporting admit rate – are all IHE's doing it the same way?

(Carl Einhaus, DHE)

Four-year institutions in Colorado are reporting their admit rates in different ways. Most IHEs are using the total number of applications received (not all completed) compared to students admitted to calculate their admit rate. Other IHEs use only completed admission applications compared to students admitted to calculate the admit rate. To illustrate the difference here is a comparison for an IHE that receives 1000 applications, 800 of those are completed, and 500 are admitted:

IHE A uses total applications received (not completed) to calculate rate: 50% admit rate.

IHE B uses completed applications: 62.5% admit rate.

IHE A appears more selective even though they admitted the same amount of students who completed their applications. Carl expressed that he felt it was disingenuous of the IHEs and that it made sense that all should use completed applications to calculate the admission rate as that is what the public likely assumes they do. However, there is not statewide policy or legislation on this matter and it is ultimately up to the IHE to use what numbers they wish to calculate the admit rate.

6. Guaranteed admission question
(Carl Einhaus, DHE)

Carl polled the public four-year IHEs if they had a guaranteed admission policy for first time freshmen. Most IHE's do not, and they few that did are specific to certain circumstances or programs. Carl will share the responses with the Admission Council. The new admission policy does have a guarantee for students who fulfill the PWR Endorsed Diploma for modified open and moderately selective IHEs, but the PWR Endorsement is currently on hold and, as a result, so is the guarantee. Additionally, the guarantee does not apply to selective and highly selective IHEs. There was discussion regarding the pros and cons of having a statewide guarantee. Pros include that Colorado residents might be more likely to state in state instead of attending an out of state IHE. Cons include potential unclear messaging that would result in some students in thinking they would not be admissible if they don't meet the conditions of the guarantee.

7. Additional Items?

Update on pending legislation about the criminal conviction and disciplinary history questions?

A bill which has not yet been introduced that would "ban the box" that asked for criminal conviction and disciplinary history on admission applications was discussed. Such questions on admissions applications as well as transcripts are a hot topic nationally. Many IHE's shared their views with the bill drafter. Carl will provide updates on the bill and other IHE related bills as he receives them. Additionally, Carl is sharing a legislative update spreadsheet with the Admission Council via email.

8. Follow up from last meeting, updates and reminders:

- PWR Endorsed Diploma Workgroup update – *On hold*
- Statewide Electronic Transcript Sharing – *In progress*

9. Topics for next meeting?

Carl will share higher education legislation updates.

10. Next meeting: **Thursday, April 11, 2019, 2 – 4 pm**