



Admission Council Meeting *NOTES*

Thursday, June 13, 2019, 2:00-4:00 pm

Department of Higher Education

1600 Broadway, Suite 2200 (22nd Floor), Denver, CO 80202, Rachel B. Noel Room

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Attendance:

Carl Einhaus	CDHE	Catherine Wilson	CU Denver
Mathew Cox	UCCS	Karla Hardesty	Adams
Timalyn O'Neill	CSU	Kim Medina	Mines
Jess Savage	Fort Lewis	Sean Broghammer	UNC
Morgan Raleigh	MSU Denver	Sarah Engel	Regis
Tiffany Kingrey	CSU Pueblo		

- Greetings and Introductions
- [Resources for Refugees in Colorado](#) , [SB18-087](#) and [Guidance Memo](#)
Spencer Ellis, DHE [Service Plan Link](#)

Spencer presented on guidance for SB 18-087 and other resources regarding serving students who are refugees. If institutions have resources for refugees on their websites and like to include the link on the DHE Refugee Resources page, please forward the link to Carl and/or Spencer. Please feel free to forward the above links to your tuition classification officers and recruitment staff. Spencer presented this information at the June Registrar Council meeting as well.

- Promotion of Transfer Admission Guarantee
Carl Einhaus, DHE

DHE is working with the Governor's Office to schedule a day to promote the Transfer Admission Guarantee with the newly decided upon unified 2.5 GPA standard. We will likely hold a press conference/marketing event at either Pueblo Community College or CSU Pueblo. As details firm up, Carl will be sure to notify the Admission Council.



4. Free Admission Application Day Update – HS Counselor Survey Results
Carl Einhaus, DHE

*Carl presented the results from a survey that DHE sent out to high school counselors to solicit feedback regarding last year's Free Application Day. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive from the just over 20 responses (yes, small N but still helpful information). The survey provided three dates to select from for next year's event (Oct 8, 15, and 22 – all Tuesdays). The responses were almost evenly split. As a result, Carl put it to the Admission Council to select a date. Those present selected October 15th overwhelmingly. Carl sent an email on June 14th to the Admission Council to confirm that there are no objections to **October 15th** – please provide any objections to Carl ASAP if you firmly disagree with moving forward with October 15th.*

5. Continued Discussion on Updated Admission Policy

- Revisit minimum recommended transfer GPA's –
 - i. "Recommended GPA"; or
 - ii. Preferred v. Competitive GPA; or
 - iii. 50% range of GPA

*Carl led the conversation on suggestions regarding how to communicate the GPA standard for transfer admission. Currently, the Admission Policy refers to the "minimum" transfer GPA, which no longer fits the holistic spirit of the updated policy. Three options (above) that were proposed during the last Admission Council meeting were considered. CSU shared that they were leaning toward using the 50% mid-range as it would be consistent with how first-time freshmen admission standards are communicated and it is more descriptive as opposed to prescriptive. Preferred GPA v. Competitive GPA was also favored by some. It was acknowledged that transfer students bring such diverse academic experiences to the admission process that relying on transfer GPA too heavily to communicate standards can be problematic and misleading. **Karla Hardesty (Adams State)** volunteered to assist Carl in researching how other states and institutions communicate transfer GPA standards to determine if there is an effective solution that has not yet been considered. More discussion to come...*

- Proposed policy changes

Carl referred to the previous proposed changes to the Admission Policy that were sent out in April and encouraged more review and feedback from the Council.

- More discussion on going test optional?

*Carl continued the conversation on the possibility of proposing changes to the CCHE Admission Policy that would allow for IHEs to be test optional in the admission process. University of Denver recently announced they were becoming test optional, and other institutions in and out of state have already made this transition. Regis is likely to go in this direction, and UNC is seriously considering the idea. If we do go in this direction, CDE and LEP's will be involved in the discussion. Additionally, impacts on SURDS reporting will need to be considered (i.e. test score data will likely become skewed if scores are only collected and reported for some applicants). **Sean Broghammer (UNC) and Mathew Cox (UCCS)** volunteered to assist Carl in the research of changing to test*



optional (data that supports the change, and policies and practices adopted by other states that explains the process). The conversation will continue...

6. “Ban the Box” Bill (SB19-170) guidance to come
Carl Einhaus, DHE

DHE will provide guidance regarding SB 19-170 soon. Council members shared that they have already begun discussions internally with their legal counsel regarding how to comply. Kim from School of Mines shared that they have already drafted a process including how the new questions will appear on the admission application (Kim sent an email to the Council with this information). The bill is slated to take affect May 1, 2020 – it was asked how this affective date impacts admission applications that are already open – are only applications for terms that are not yet in affect be impacted or will all admission application terms open May 2020 be impacted. Many IHE’s will open their fall 2020 admission applications soon, as such, an answer is desired soon. Carl already forwarded this question to DHE leadership – we may need to send to the AG office for an opinion.

7. Additional Items?
8. Follow up from last meeting, updates and reminders:
 - Statewide Electronic Transcript Sharing – *In progress*
9. Topics for next meeting?
10. Next meeting: **August 8th (cancel? If so, next meeting is: October 10th)**

As Free Admission Application Day will be held in October, we will maintain the August 8th meeting to discuss plans and updates for the event.

