



**Admission Council Meeting\_NOTES**

Thursday, April 11, 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	Sonia Gonzalez	FRCC
Mathew Cox	UCCS	Tiffany Kingrey	CSU Pueblo
Timalyn O'Neill	CSU	Catherine Wilson	CU Denver
Vaughn Toland	MSU Denver	Karla Hardesty	Adams
Jess Savage	Fort Lewis	Julie Smith	Aims
Morgan Raleigh	MSU Denver	Kevin MacLennan	CU Boulder
Andy Tucker	CDE	Dana Kohler	UNC
Lauren Shondeck	Western	Michael Schulman	CCCS

1. Greetings and Introductions
2. Discussion on “Varsity Blues”

*Carl led a discussion on the recent national news regarding college admission fraud. To-date, no college admission staff have been charged with contributing to the fraud allegations, and most media outlets have been clear on this (thankfully). Council members shared that it was a good reminder, though, to revisit operations and data verifications to help prevent issues. Also, it was mentioned that conversations with admission staff, athletics, and other partners on the importance of authenticating test data and build awareness of how to identify false data and/or fraud.*

3. Meeting with DAG  
(Carl Einhaus, CDHE)

- HEAR and new policy presentation
- New annual admission report discussion

*Carl shared that he met with DAG (statewide IR Directors meeting) to discuss the updated admission policy and any resulting data reporting implications. Carl made it clear that HEAR data still needs to be reported per policy – while compliance has softened (i.e. retirement of the index and the window) the policy still includes compliance requirements including HEAR for “seat-time” rigor. With discussion, those in attendance reflected they understood the need to continue reporting HEAR.*

*Additionally, Carl discussed the idea which was brought up at the last Admission Council meeting to bring back and revise the statewide admission report (the **last report** was published in 2012). The intent is to use existing data which is already being reported by institutions via SURDS – no new data elements are anticipated to be requested for reporting at this time. Carl included some of the possible data that would be included in the report from the “Admission Report Ideas” that he sent out to the Admission*



*Council in March for feedback. Ideas include: measuring how GPA, test scores & HEAR impact retention and graduation rates; organizing data by in-state, out-of-state; number of applications received; and more.*

*Mathew Cox asked how incomplete applications will be treated. Additionally, it was asked if the admit rate will be reported. All of these details and more will be discussed by a to-be-formed admission report working group, in particular referencing reporting requirements designated from statute and policy. Ideas and updates will be discussed and consulted with the Admission Council and DAG members. If there are **volunteers** to be on the working group, please notify Carl.*

#### 4. Updated Admission Policy (Carl Einhaus, DHE)

- Transfer Guarantee: 2.5 GPA
- Revisit minimum recommended transfer GPA's?
- Proposed policy changes

*DHE proposed that a single Transfer GPA of 2.5 be used for the Transfer Admission Guarantee (an addition to the updated Admission Policy) instead of referencing each IHE's individual "minimum" transfer GPA. No objections were received from the Admission Council, or the IHE President's. DHE will be publicizing the transfer guarantee likely in June – the Governor's Office may participate. Other finer details regarding the transfer guarantee will still apply (i.e. Mines does not participate, and students applying to the CU System will need to satisfy MAPS). Also, it will be made clear that a 2.5 GPA is not necessarily required for admission, just to qualify for the guarantee.*

*Also discussed was changing the terminology regarding GPA and transfer admission, from the current "minimum" to something like "recommended GPA", and/or also consider using a GPA range similar to what is used for first-time admission. Another idea expressed was to provide a "preferred" GPA and a "competitive" GPA for each IHE. **Discussion will continue** on this topic. In the meantime, Carl already had the [website](#) terminology changed to "recommended GPA" (changed from "minimum") under the transfer admission section.*

*Carl sent out proposed changes to the Admission Policy (tracked) to the Admission Council for feedback. Most changes are updates and/or minor changes, but a few address concerns expressed with the new policy that were unintended (i.e. creating an exclusion from the admission process for programs that serve groups of students who are unable to provide academic work...like inmates). **Please provide feedback** regarding the proposed changes if you have not already.*

*A potential future change that was discussed is to not be required to use assessment scores (i.e. SAT or ACT) in the admission decision process. Or use other assessments instead. More discussion will be needed – DHE is open to the idea, but data will be needed to re-assure the Commission on Higher Education that assessments are not always a required measure to help determine if a student will be successful in higher ed.*

#### 5. Legislative Update

*Carl provided a higher education legislative update spreadsheet which was created by DHE's legislative liaison. Of particular interest to the Admission Council was the "Ban the Box" Bill (SB19-170). This Bill passed and is waiting to be signed by the governor (as of May 6<sup>th</sup>). Lauren Shondeck (Western) asked that IHE's provide **examples** of how they will change their admission applications to*

satisfy the legislation for reference in making changes to their application. IHE's providing examples should copy the entire council. You can email to Carl who will forward on.

6. **Decision Day** (formerly College Friday): Wednesday, May 1
  - More inclusive of other career pathways like military & private occupational schools
  - Still wear your alma mater gear
  - Resources for student activities at above link
7. Additional Items?
  - *A few council members shared that their commitment rates (i.e. deposits, orientation registrations, etc.) are down from last year.*
  - *Sean Broghammer (UNC) was named as the interim VP of Strategic Enrollment – congratulations, Sean!*
8. Follow up from last meeting, updates and reminders:
  - 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. *See discussion in the Updated Admission Policy notes above.*
  - PWR Endorsed Diploma Workgroup (now “Diploma Endorsement) update – *The Board of Education and CCHE approved the updates to the PWR Diploma Endorsement. It is optional for districts to offer the endorsement. The updated admission policy includes that applicants with the endorsement listed on their transcript will be either given priority consideration (highly selective and selective IHE's) or guaranteed admission (moderately selective and open-modified) depending on the IHE's selectivity level. It will take districts at least a year to operationalize the endorsement, so IHE's will not see it likely for a few years.*
  - Statewide Electronic Transcript Sharing – *In progress*
9. Topics for next meeting?
10. Next meeting: **Thursday, June 13, 2019, 2 – 4 pm**