

**Minutes of the Colorado Commission on Higher Education (CCHE) Meeting
At Colorado Department of Higher Education, 5th Floor Conference Room
May 3, 2019**

Commissioner and Advisor Learning Session

The Learning Session this month was a presentation by Heather DeLange about her work with private schools under the Degree Authorization Act.

BUSINESS MEETING

I. OPENING BUSINESS

Chairman Luis Colon called the business meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

A. Attendance

Chairman Luis Colon, Vice Chairman Renny Fagan, Commissioners Mary Beth Buescher, Cassie Gannett, Vanecia Kerr, Tom McGimpsey, Monte Moses.

CCHE Advisory Committee members attending: Wayne Artis, Mark Cavanaugh, Chad Marturano, Rick Miranda.

B. Minutes

Commissioner McGimpsey moved to approve the minutes for the April 5, 2019 CCHE Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gannett and passed unanimously.

C. Chair, Vice Chair, Commissioners and Advisors Reports

Chairman Colon reported that he spent a lot of time this past month working on the new election procedure for electing officers, and that will be Agenda Item III C.

Commissioner Fagan thanked the Department and the working group for compiling information and working on the revisions to the funding formula. He also thanked the department for the work being done with the institutions on this issue.

Commissioner McGimpsey reported that the working group has been trying to align on the construct of the funding formula revision, determining where they wanted to go and the drivers that are important with regard to the Master Plan. Follow-up meetings are scheduled. They are also discussing the relationship between the funding formula and tuition policy and how they work together.

Carl Einhaus, Director of Student Success & Academic Affairs, responded to a question from Commissioner Moses about vaccination authority at the institutional level. He explained that vaccination requirements apply only to institutions with residence halls. Proof of vaccinations for these students is required, but there is also a liberal waiver process. Carl also reported on the scandal surrounding higher education admissions.

He reported that the selective/restrictive programs are under scrutiny, and those processes are sound. Directors of Admissions are making sure that they have checks and balances in place, so irregularities are going to be few and far between.

Advisor Wayne Artis reported that the department hosted a faculty conference last Friday with more than 100 faculty attending. The conference was held to work on statewide transfer agreements in engineering, computer science, dance, public health and journalism. There was a clear effort from all attending two- and four-year schools to try to work toward statewide transfer agreements in engineering.

Advisor Cavanaugh reported on things happening at the federal level. He reported that neg reg negotiated rule making within the Department of Education. This involved negotiators working with the department to come to consensus and then moving forward on issues. If they don't come to consensus, the DOE gets to move forward however they want to. This is something to keep an eye on. Also, there will likely be a bill around the Higher Education Reauthorization Act with bipartisan work being done to get it through.

D. Executive Director Report

Dr. Paccione reported that today is the last day of the legislative session. The department had all six bills priority bills passed.

She thanked the funding formula working group for their dedication to the process. Information is being gathered from stakeholders and other states and work is still in the early stages on this.

The Future Educator Honor Roll event was held and honored 27 future teachers. They were recognized for excellence within their respective programs.

College Friday was rebranded as Decision Day this year and was very successful. There were appearances on Channels 4 and 9 with school mascots. Commissioners were given a handout with the social media engagement statistics from the campaign, including 6.9 million impressions on Twitter and Instagram.

The department will begin to incorporate the new logo introduced by the governor's office. This is a soft rollout, so will be done slowly as the need arises.

Dr. Paccione went to Durango to participate in the commencement ceremony for Fort Lewis College. She reported that the college allows students to wear Native American regalia or military uniforms if they chose for commencement. Many of the students are first generation graduates, so the ceremonies are filled with family and community.

She will be giving the commencement address this weekend at the Steamboat Springs campus of Colorado Mountain College and then participating in a CMC Culinary School graduation in Keystone.

She reported that she met with Governor Polis and staff about the future of the College in Colorado program, and the results were positive. The program will now be My Colorado Journey and will be seeking additional outside funding with the Governor's support.

The Governor's office has moved the budget due date up, so staff are hard at work developing the budget for the coming year and the year following.

Dr. Paccione acknowledged the appointment of the new president of the CU System, Mark Kennedy. The department looks forward to working with him and supporting him in his new role.

E. Public Comment

Mr. Andy McKean, Director of Liberty Lives Forever presented his program to the Commission. He asked that the commission do whatever it could to advance the education of all students on the US Constitution. He has resource materials available if needed.

II. CONSENT ITEMS

- A. Recommend Approval of Updated Postsecondary Workforce Readiness (PWR) Diploma Endorsement – Carl Einhaus**
- B. Recommend Approval of Revisions to Commission Policy IV, Part J: Colorado Educational Exchange Program – Emma Fedorchuk and Emily Burns**
- C. Degree Authorization Act: Recommend Approval of Christian Learning Institute Request For Authorization As A Seminary/Religious Training Institution – Heather DeLange**
- D. Recommend Approval of Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Education at Colorado Christian University – Dr. Brittany Lane**
- E. Recommend Approval of Secondary Math Education at Colorado Christian University – Dr. Brittany Lane**
- F. Recommend Approval of Early Childhood Education at Relay Graduate School of Education – Dr. Brittany Lane**

Commissioner Buescher moved to approve consent items A through F. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Moses and passed unanimously.

III. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Revisions to CCHE Policy I, Part L: Statewide Transfer and gtPathways Policy – Dr. Kim Poast – Dr. Poast presented revisions to Commission policy that codify the GT Pathways waiver process, including the criteria used by Department staff in evaluating waiver requests and possible courses of action by the Commission. The proposed revisions also included minor fixes to further strengthen policies related to transfer. The GT Pathways wavier process had been discussed extensively by the Commission at two previous meetings.**

Commissioner McGimpsey moved to approve the revisions. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gannett and passed unanimously.

- B. Affordability Framework and Principles – Staff supporting the Affordability Working Group presented a draft framework and principles of affordability. Staff outlined the process for developing the framework and principles, which included input from staff, commissioners, advisors, institutional CEOs, Chief Academic Officers and Chief Financial Officers.**

Commissioner McGimpsey made a motion to adopt the proposed framework and principles and to use them to inform the Commission's policy decisions moving forward. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Buescher and passed unanimously.

- C. CCHE Election of Officers** – Chairman Luis Colon presented the nominations for Chair and Vice Chair of the commission. Renny Fagan was nominated for the position of chair. Commissioners McGimpsey, Kerr and Babbs were nominated for the position of vice chair. Paper ballots were distributed, then collected and counted. Commissioners not in attendance voted via confidential email earlier that day.

Renny Fagan was elected Chair and Commissioner Vanecia Kerr was elected Vice Chair of the Commission.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Proposed Revisions to CCHE Policy III, Part R: Policy Regarding Requirements for Funds to Supplement Requests for State-Supported Capital Construction** – Lauren Lopez

Proposed revisions to the CCHE Policy Section III, Part R: Policy Regarding Requirements for Funds to Supplement Requests for State-supported Capital Construction were presented. Revisions align policy with the current capital project scoring practices. Staff confirmed revisions will not change the current process.

This discussion item was moved to an action item. Commissioner McGimpsey moved to accept the changes as described. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Buescher and adopted unanimously.

- B. Legislative Update** – Amanda DeLaRosa

Results from the legislation session 2019 were shared with the Commission, including the Department's success in securing six priority legislative agenda items and a 13 percent increase in funding for public institutions of higher education, designed to hold tuition flat for resident students next year.

The Commission will work in the coming months to implement the legislative agenda through CCHE policy.

V. COMMISSION INITIATIVES

- A. 2019 Commission Retreat Agenda Feedback** – The Commission's annual retreat will be held at Fort Lewis College, in Durango, Colorado on the evening of July 24 through mid-day on July 26. This was an informational item to get feedback on the 2019 retreat agenda from the Commission.

- B. Master Plan Update: COSI 5 Years of Service** – Ms. Banker presented materials recently created by Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative (COSI) celebrating the program's fifth year of service. COSI's program results have shown that

leveraging state funds will result in an increase in new philanthropic investments supporting the CCHE's goal of affordability, and the student support interventions supported by the program are helping COSI students persist and complete their degree or credential and may be an opportunity for further investment to expand services and the number of students receiving support. COSI is poised to continue growing and supporting Colorado's attainment strategies.

To celebrate its fifth year, COSI released new materials that showcase the program's history and accomplishments and hopes to work with CCHE to generate ideas for 100 percent participation of counties across Colorado. Although COSI has its own advisory board created by statute, the CCHE can support COSI's work in various regions and sectors across the state.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:30pm.