

Minutes of the Colorado Commission on Higher Education (CCHE) Meeting
Pueblo Community College
July 25, 2014

Chairman Dick Kaufman called the meeting to order at 11:40am.

Chairman Dick Kaufman, Vice Chair Patty Pacey, Commissioners John Anderson, Jeanette Garcia, Monte Moses, Hereford Percy and BJ Scott attended. Also in attendance were CCHE Advisory Committee members Wayne Artis and Mark Superka.

Commissioner Percy moved to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2014 CCHE meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson and passed unanimously.

CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

Commissioner Percy reported that he presented the CCHE PowerPoint to the Westminster Rotary Club. Commissioner Percy noted the public makes no distinction between the K-12 System and the Higher Education System. Commissioner Garcia also presented the PowerPoint to the Pueblo College Advisory Board, the chair of our economic development committee, the CEO of Parkview Medical Center and several other prominent business people and received very positive feedback

Commissioner Pacey requested a historical view of Financial Aid and COF Stipend/Fee For Service prior to COF being put into place until the present. She is looking to better understand the investment by the state into non-public institutions before COF was enacted and how that has changed over time.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Lt. Governor Joe Garcia informed the Commission that when Chad Marturano moved over to the University of Colorado, Mark Cavanaugh agreed to move into an expanded version of Chad's position to become CDHE's Chief Legislative and Strategic Policy Officer. Lt. Governor Garcia then introduced Diane Duffy, chosen to be the new CFO for CDHE after a national search. Diane comes to the Department from the Kansas Board of Regents, where she was CFO for eight years.

The Lt. Governor also gave an update on the Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative (COSI), informing the Commission that the first staff person will be starting soon and will office at the Department. The Lt. Governor's Chief of Staff, Scott Wasserman is the Director of the initiative.

Lt. Governor Garcia also informed the Commission that the Department's Communications Manager, Julie Poppen, and the Lt. Governor's Communications Director, Revekka Balancier, are putting together a communications campaign around degree completion, which they're

tentatively calling Colorado Completes! This will be an awareness campaign and will take place throughout the month of October to highlight programs at Colorado's colleges and universities that through data-driven results, are proving that they are moving the needle on student success. The Lt. Governor will visit five of those campuses to draw attention to the various programs.

The Lt. Governor also reported that he gave presentations to the Education Commission of the States in Washington, D. C. regarding remediation as a national issue. He also presented at the SHEEO national conference in Boise, Idaho on the equity imperative with Stan Jones, of Complete College America.

CONSENT ITEMS

Recommend Approval of Associate of Science in Geology at Colorado Community College System

Recommend Approval of Bachelor of Applied Science in Criminal Justice at Colorado Mesa University

Recommend Approval of Master of Greenhouse Gas Management & Accounting at Colorado State University

Recommend Approval of Master of Professional Accounting at Colorado State University – Global Campus

Recommend Authorization to Offer Supplemental Academic Instruction at Fort Lewis College

Two-Year Cash Funded Capital Program List Amendment- Fort Lewis College

Two-Year Cash Funded Capital Program List Amendment- Red Rocks Community College

Degree Authorization Act: Central American Theological Seminary (CATS) - Request for Authorization as a Seminary/Religious Training Institution

Commissioner Percy moved to approve the consent items. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Moses and unanimously passed.

ACTION ITEMS

Degree Authorization Act: Reauthorization of Aspen Christian College and Seminary – Heather DeLange, Academic Policy Officer, presented this item to the Commission. She explained that Aspen Christian College and Seminary (ACCS) was originally authorized to operate in the State of Colorado in 1990. In 1993 ASSC ceased operating. In 2012, staff learned

that the school had been operating again in Colorado since 2008. At that time, staff informed the school their old authorization had expired and explained the process for obtaining a new authorization. Ms. DeLange has been working with the ACCS president to clarify the process and obtain all the required documentation. Ms. DeLange and Assistant Attorney Tony Dyl conducted a site visit and reviewed all degrees awarded since resuming operations. They confirmed that the majority of diplomas awarded were consistent with CCHE policy. Based on the institutions programs and clear religious affiliation and the statute under which it operates, Mr. Dyl suggested reauthorizing the institution back to the time when it resumed instructing students, as ACCS has been operating in good faith and meets the requirements of a religious training institution.

Commissioner Anderson asked whether the onus is on the institution to come to the Department or on the Department to track unknown institutions and go to them. Ms. DeLange responded that the Department relies on the institutions to come back to them.

Commissioner Scott moved to approve reauthorization for Aspen Christian College & Seminary as a Seminary or Religious Training Institution, and that the reauthorization be retroactive to 2008. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Percy and unanimously passed.

Commissioner Moses moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Percy. The meeting was adjourned at 12:05pm.