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**Colorado Commission on Higher Education**  
**Standing Committee on Student Success & Academic Affairs**  
*Unapproved Notes (no quorum)*

**February 7, 2018 – 10:30 am – 11:15 am**

**Location: 1600 Broadway, 22<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Emily Griffith Room**  
Colorado State Bank and Trust Building

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Meeting ID: 712 724 527

### Agenda

1. Greetings & Introductions – *Chair Cassie Gannett, CCHE*
  - Commissioner Gannett called the meeting to order at 10:35am
  - Attending: Commissioners Garcia, Gannett, Moses, McGimpsey, Mahdavi; Advisor Wayne Artis; CDHE staff members Heather Delange, Spencer Ellis, Brittany Lane, Kim Poast, Chris Rasmussen
2. Approve notes from October 26 and December 6 committee meetings – *Chair Cassie Gannett, CCHE*
  - Commissioner McGimpsey motioned to approve, Commissioner Moses seconded; minutes from previous meetings approved.
3. Upcoming changes to the educator preparation program endorsement process – *Brittany Lane, CDHE*
  - Proposals for new educator preparation programs and new endorsements will now be reviewed by CDE only from June through November; proposals are to be submitted to the State Board of Education (SBE) and subsequently to CCHE for a decision in late spring/early summer.
  - SBE has approved a new endorsement for middle school math. Programs who already offer secondary math have been offered an expedited review; these will be brought before CCHE soon.
  - Brittany shared that there have been changes on the accreditation landscape nationally, and now only four ed prep programs in Colorado are accredited by CAEP (Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation). Stakeholder input

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is being sought to update and revise the CCHE Educator Preparation Policy ([CCHE Policy I.P](#))

4. CCHE Business Meeting Agenda Item Preview

- a. Open Educational Resources Initiative Update (*Spencer Ellis, CDHE*)
  - Spencer gave an update on the list of recommended grantees, highlighting some proposals and the total number \$550,000 of funding. It was noted that the OER Council attempted to fund as many qualified proposals as possible, and institutions behind proposals that were not funded were offered travel support/professional development funds.
  - Spencer noted Open Education Week (March 4-8) and took recommendations for an OER champion from the Commission; Commissioner Mahdavi volunteered and will work with Spencer regarding engaging others in this work.
  - Spencer noted a statewide Open Textbook Network training and conference will be held May 30-31. There will be a forthcoming announcement to create the Affordability and Open Ambassadors program for IHE faculty and staff, will be trained over the same dates in May.
  - Spencer will follow up with Commissioner Garcia to connect her with Pueblo area grant recipients and will provide the standing committee with OER-related policy examples from other states.
- b. Commission Policy I, L: Statewide Transfer and GT-Pathways Policy (*Chris Rasmussen, CDHE*)
  - The full Commission will be presented with a proposal to revise this policy to 1) incorporate 2018 statutory changes regarding institutional obligations in transfer; 2) clarify GT-Pathways categories, competencies, and requirements; 3) align with other changes in statute and CCHE policy, including the Prior Learning Assessment policy.
  - The standing committee discussed how institutions will be held accountable for treating transfer students differently from native students within statewide transfer agreements, and how we can better inform students of their rights and institutions of their obligations.
  - There was discussion about how “total time to degree” is operationalized in the policy to align with the intentions of the General Assembly, and to allow for apples-to-apples comparisons in determining whether an institution has violated the policy; Chris proposed the language “for comparison and evaluative purposes, a presumption exists that a transfer student and a native student must ‘demonstrate substantially similar enrollment patterns’ in determining whether a potential statutory violation has occurred relative to ‘total time to receive a degree’”.
- c. Community College Bachelor of Science in Nursing Programs (*Kim Poast and Chris Rasmussen, CDHE*)
  - i. Update on development and implementation efforts
  - ii. GT-Pathways curricular waiver request
  - The full Commission will be presented with an update on BSN program development at 7 community colleges following HB 18-1086, and with an associated request by the Colorado Community College System for a waiver from



- GT-Pathways requirements. Kim provided the standing committee with an update on activity since the legislation went into effect, including the two nursing convenings held by CCHE/CDHE in mid-July and early November.
- Chris provided context on the broader issue of GT-Pathways waivers, including a brief history on the scope of waivers that have been granted across the state. Up until now, all individual waiver requests have been evaluated in conjunction with a request for program approval; the CCCS request suggests a formal process and set of evaluative criteria are needed to evaluate the current and any future requests.
  - d. Legislative Agenda items related to Student Success & Academic Affairs (*Kim Poast and Chris Rasmussen, CDHE*)
    - i. Developmental Education/Supplemental Academic Instruction
    - ii. Concurrent Enrollment and GT-Pathways
  - Kim and Chris updated the standing committee on the status of various legislative initiatives underway, with a focus on these two items.
  - Heather Delange also provided a summary of proposed revisions to CCHE Policy I, Part J: Degree Authorization Act, which include statutory language specific to the surety requirement, and to improve clarity and provide additional guidance for authorized private colleges and universities and those institutions seeking authorization.
  - Meeting adjourned at 11:25am.

