



Academic Council

March 12, 2024 – 1:00-3:00pm
Colorado Department of Higher Education
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Agenda -- **NOTES**

1. Greetings and Introductions

In attendance: Emily Amedee (CSU-SYS); Jordan Barkley (UNC); Helen Caprioglio (CSU-P); Margaret Doell (ASU); Katherine Eggert (CU Boulder); Kris Greer (FLC); Cher Hendricks (CMU); Andy Herring (CSM); Danen Jobe (CCCS); Mike Lightner (CU-SYS); Nancy Marchand-Martella (UCCS); Beth Myers (CU Denver); Constancio Nakuma (CU Denver); Dave Oehler (Aims); Kathryn Regjo (CMC); Marion Underwood (CSU); Linda Van Doren (EGTC); Jess Young (WCU); Christina Carrillo (CDHE); Carl Einhaus (CDHE); Kim Poast (CDHE)

2. Approval of February Meeting Notes

[see handout: 2024-02-13 NOTES-AC.pdf]

Notes approved

3. Announcements and Discussion Items

a. Updates from CCHE Advisor Michael Lightner

Dr. Lightner provided an overview of the March 1 CCHE meeting. He informed the Council that Vice Chair Josh Scott announced he will be stepping down, as his family will be moving out-of-state for employment and educational opportunities. There is no estimated timeline for his replacement. Dr. Poast also informed Council members that Chair Sarah Hughes will not run for another term as CCHE Chair but will continue in her role as a commissioner. The Commission will elect both a new Chair and Vice-Chair at its June meeting.

In addition to the news regarding the Chair and Vice-Chair, Dr. Lightner informed Council members that the subcommittee on transfer that Commissioner Abramson had been co-leading with Dr. Landon Pirius has been paused due to the legislative session. SB24-164, which Dr. Poast will discuss further, addresses many of the same issues that the subcommittee on transfer was attempting to address, as well the legislative audit on



transfer that is expected to begin this summer. The subcommittee intends to resume this fall.

- b. Update on the Colorado Re-Engaged Initiative (Peter Fritz, CDHE)
No update on CORE this month
- c. 2024 Legislative agenda updates
Dr. Poast led a stakeholder discussion on the introduced version of SB24-164, “Institution of Higher Education Transparency Requirements”.
- d. Fac2Fac conference debrief – Friday, March 8, Auraria Campus
Dr. Poast thanked Council members who attended the Faculty-to-Faculty conference this past Friday and invited them to share some of their insights and takeaways from their experiences, some of which included the realization that higher education needs common language and definitions when discussing some of the issues that were raised at the conference (e.g., certificates, micro-credentials, etc.) as it could cause confusion for students.

4. New, modified, and closed programs

New

University of Colorado Boulder

- Master of Arts in Gender and Sexuality Studies

University of Colorado Colorado Springs

- Undergraduate Certificate in Geographic Information Sciences
- Graduate Certificate in Geographic Information Sciences
- Graduate Certificate in Space Cyber Enterprise Management

University of Colorado Denver

- Bachelor of Arts in Climate Change Studies
- Bachelor of Science in Climate Change Studies
- Master of Science in Clinical Psychopharmacology
- Graduate Certificate in Prescribing Fellowship in Clinical Psychopharmacology

Modified

University of Colorado Boulder

- Bachelor of Science in Chemical and Biological Engineering changed to Bachelor of Science in Biological Engineering

Closed Programs

University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus

- Master of Science in Health Services Research, Policy, and Administration

