



COLORADO

Department of
Higher Education

1600 Broadway, Suite 2200
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Meeting	Academic Council November 12, 2024 1:00 – 3:00 pm
Location	Remote ONLY
Conference Room	
Call-In Information	Join Zoom Meeting Meeting ID: 821 0615 2898 Passcode: 424681
Meeting Participants	
Meeting Objectives	

AGENDA

1. Greetings and Introductions

In attendance: Helen Caprioglio (CSUP); Katherine Eggert (CU Boulder); Kirsty Flemming (UNC); Jacquelyn Gaiters-Jordan (CCCS-PPSC); Kris Greer (FLC); Cher Hendricks (CMU); Andy Herring (CSM); Mike Lightner (CU-SYS); Kimberly Miloch (CSU); Rick Miranda (CSU-SYS); Beth Myers (CU Denver); Jan Nerger (CSU); Laura Niesen de Abruna (MSU Denver); Dave Oehler (Aims); Kathryn Regjo (CMC); Nick Saenz (ASU); Shaun Schafer (MSU Denver); Audra Spicer (CSUG); Lynn Vidler (UCCS); Jess Young (WCU); Mark Baccei (CDHE); Christina Carrillo (CDHE); Carl Einhaus (CDHE); Sophia Laderman (CDHE); Chris Rasmussen (CDHE)

2. Approval of September Meeting Notes

[see handout: 2024-10-08 NOTES-AC.pdf]

Notes approved

3. Announcements and Discussion Items

a. Updates from CCHE Advisor Michael Lightner

Dr. Lightner provided an in-depth review of the October 24 CCHE work session and business meeting. He informed Council members that the work session included a presentation on FAFSA/CASFA while the business meeting included routine report outs from the chair, vice-chair, standing committees, commissioners, and advisors. Dr. Lightner reported that there was a long consent agenda, which passed unanimously, while there were several discussion items, including a discussion about the funding

formula review plan – the Finance, Performance, and Accountability (FPA) standing committee recommended the funding formula steps are funded at the same levels as last year. A task force has been formed to begin reviewing the funding formula a year before originally scheduled – FPA provided recommendations to the Commission regarding the composition of the task force to include a broad representation of institutions, government representatives, and Department representatives. There was also a discussion on reduced-credit bachelor’s degrees, which was the same presentation that this group heard previously, as well as discussions about the COSI redesign and the minimum value threshold calculations and the statewide longitudinal data system.

b. Updates on HB24-1340 (Colorado "Promise")

Mark Baccei, Policy Analyst for the Department, provided an overview of House Bill 24-1340, also known as the Colorado “Promise”

c. Continued discussion on reduced-credit bachelor’s degrees

Carl led Council members in a continued discussion on reduced-credit bachelor's degrees, informing them that the Department and commissioners are engaging in a listening phase with all stakeholders before making any final decisions on how to move forward. Council members continued to voice faculty concerns to the label “bachelor’s degree” to programs with less than 120 credit hours.

d. Proposed meeting schedule for 2025

Date	Date
January 14	July 8
February 11	August 12 or August 19*
March 11	September 9 or September 16*
April 8	October 14
May 13	November 11*
June 10	December 9

Christina informed Council members that the SHEEO Higher Education Policy Conference is scheduled to be held the second week of August in Minneapolis, MN, and both Carl and Chris are likely to attend. Moving both the August and September meetings to the third Monday of the month allows the meetings to be evenly distributed. Council members suggested cancelling the August meeting as many are unable to attend that week due to the start of the new academic year. After a brief discussion, it was decided to cancel the August meeting – and any others during the year as needed.

Christina will send out calendar invites and update the website in the coming weeks.

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4. New, modified, and closed programs

a. New

- Colorado State University
 - Bachelor of Science in Hospitality and Event Management
 - Graduate Certificate in Environmental Justice
 - Graduate Certificate in Essentials in Veterinary Medicine
 - Graduate Certificate in Foundations in Veterinary Clinical Care
 - Graduate Certificate in Fundamentals of Veterinary Clinical Care Diseases
 - Graduate Certificate in Human Systems Integration
 - Graduate Certificate in Inclusive Teaching Strategies in College
 - Graduate Certificate in Model-Based Systems Engineering
 - Graduate Certificate in Systems Security
 - Graduate Certificate in Weed Science
 - Master of Science in Business Administration
- Colorado State University – Global Campus
 - Master of Science in International Business Studies
 - Master of Science in Leadership and Organizational Development

b. Modified

- None

c. Closed Programs

- Colorado State University
 - Bachelor of Science in Engineering Science

ACTION ITEMS

Issue	Action / Next Step	Assigned To & Date Assigned

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