

Student Affairs Stakeholder Group
August 27, 2009, 11:30-1:30 – Inaugural Meeting
MINUTES - Revised

- I. Meet & Greet – Introductions
 - A. John Marshall, Vice President for Student Services – Mesa State
Reports directly to President.
Student Services: registrar, dean of students (student activities, health clinic), admissions, enrollment. Mesa State’s enrollment is up 15%.
 - B. Raul Cardenas, Assistant Vice President for Student Engagement & Dean of Students – UNC
Student Engagement: counseling center, five advocacy centers, student activities, etc.;
UNC’s enrollment is up 6%.
 - C. Geri Anderson, Provost – CCCS
13 community colleges in the System.
Student Services comprise: enrollment, advising, financial aid, student activities, disabilities.
 - D. Haeryon Kim, Dean of Students (on behalf of Glenna Witt Sexton – Vice President of Student Affairs) – Ft Lewis College
Student Affairs: recreation, housing, counseling, health center, Native American center, Hispanic center, police (no enrollment).
 - E. Gary Pierson, Vice President of Student Affairs/Dean of Students – Western
Student Affairs: residential life, conference centers, campus life (sports, orientation, student exchange and study abroad programs, etc.); multicultural center, non-traditional student program, health clinic, food services, and others.
 - F. Blanche Hughes, Vice President of Student Affairs – CSU-Ft Collins
Student Affairs: housing; dining; conferences; student union; student programs re race, gender, gay/lesbian/transgender, disabilities; health center; counseling; parent/family program.
 - G. Zav Dadabhoy, Dean of Student Life & Development – CSU-Pueblo
Reports to President.
Student Life: counseling; health center; career services; recreational activities; TRIO programs.
 - H. Julie Wong, Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs – CU-Boulder
Reports to Provost.
Student Affairs: all the same areas mentioned by others.
 - I. Kathy MacKay, Vice President for Student Services – Metro
 - J. Vicki Leal, Academic Policy Officer – DHE
 - K. Julie Carnahan, Chief Academic Officer – DHE
 - L. Maia Blom, Academic Policy Coordinator – DHE
- II. DHE/Higher Ed Overview
Julie Carnahan:
 - A. DHE has talked about having a Student Affairs Stakeholder Group for three years. Some of the issues DHE would cover with such a group: new and ongoing legislation, state budget issues, the next years ahead, data issues like retention and enrollment, etc. Information DHE would like to get from them: “What is it like out there these days?” What are the new issues facing campuses, e.g., new technologies (Facebook, Twitter, etc.), security, health matters (H1N1 flu, etc.).

- B. WICHE/Non-traditional No More Grant (NTNM)
The main focus of this grant is the Adult Learner who is described as someone who started their college career and then dropped out after achieving 75% of the credit needed for graduation. The age for this population is considered to be 25+ years old. The grant wants to identify this population in order to encourage them to finish school and earn their degrees. The research discovered that these students dropped out not so much for financial reasons but because “life happened.” They got married or pregnant; took a year off to ski and never managed to return to school, etc. The grant has identified 20,000 students in this category. Three sub-grants were offered to Adams State, Metro, and CU Boulder (\$25,000 per institution) for them to identify these populations at their own schools and determine how best to get them back to school.
- C. Lumina Grant – Making Opportunity Affordable (MOA)
The focus of this grant is to increase degree completion and reduce costs for students. There are huge gaps in degree completion in Colorado among ethnic groups and underserved populations. The largest group is Hispanics – only 57% graduate from high school, and the college education gap between Whites and Hispanics in Colorado is 36%. The grant’s goal is for 60% of students in Colorado to have a degree by 2025 (OEDC numbers). Another focus of the grant is to look at the 10 poorest counties in the state and to figure out how to reach out to them.
Suggestions: 1) Contact schools (CCD, CSU-Pueblo, CSU-Ft Collins) that have EOC grants to see what their data are. 2) Find out what schools have TRIO programs.
- D. Statewide Strategic Planning
The DHE is embarking on an 18-month project to come up with a strategic plan for higher education in the state of Colorado as required by statute (23-1-108 CRS). The last plan was adopted nearly ten years ago. Part of the plan will be to look at the IHEs’ roles and missions to see if they need to be changed. Student development and growth will be important pieces in the plan. The launch of the project will be on September 21, 2009. Four work groups will be established throughout the state to cover the four goals of the plan: access and success; economic growth and innovation; measurable outcomes, institutional efficiency and productivity; adequate funding. The Governor will also form a steering committee to be comprised of community and business leaders from around the state as well as representatives from higher education.
The draft Framework for a Strategic Planning Process for Colorado Higher Education was provided to the group prior to the meeting.
Suggestion: regarding the Access and Success goal – these concepts are not just numbers; it is also important to consider the qualitative side.
- E. Concurrent Enrollment Bill – HB09-1319
Dr. Carnahan strongly encouraged the IHEs to review this bill. Three main elements of the bill: concurrent enrollment; remediation courses in the 12th grade; Ascent program which provides for a fifth year in high school and students graduate with an associate’s degree. The concurrent enrollment arrangements between high schools and IHEs are voluntary for the IHEs. An Advisory Board will be formed with DHE, Colorado Department of Education (CDE), and the Governor making nominations for people to serve on the board. Matt McKeever will be the DHE staff person on the board. CDE will appoint one staff person as well.
Link to bill:
http://www.leg.state.co.us/clics/clics2009a/csl.nsf/fsbillcont/1E0CD0AF8CFD8C268725753C006E97B4?Open&file=1319_enr.pdf

- III. DHE/Higher Ed Overview continued by Vicki Leal
 - A. SB08-212 – Colorado Achievement Plan for Kids (CAP4K)

The bill directs the State Board of Education and the CCHE, with their respective departments (CDE and DHE) to collaborate in creating a new seamless system of public education standards, expectations and assessments – from preschool through postsecondary education – designed and aligned to prepare high school students to enter postsecondary education, or technical or trade schools, or the workforce without the need for further remediation. A description of postsecondary and workforce readiness (PWR) was adopted by the SBE and the CCHE on June 30, 2009. The next step is to address the issue of assessment of the PWR description. Another round of regional town hall meetings around the state with CDE will be involved.
 - B. HACU CO Initiative (Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities-Colorado) (temporary name; name will be changed at the next meeting of the group)

A new initiative to create a coalition of Colorado schools, colleges and universities who will work together to better serve, prepare, recruit, retain, graduate, and place in employment Hispanics/Latinos. The next meeting will be held at CSU-Pueblo, September 25, 2009.
- IV. Student Complaints (Vicki Leal)

Vicki explained that she usually contacts the IHE first upon receiving a student complaint and usually it's the person who is mentioned in the complaint. The group suggested that she should go "directly to the top" – to the VP of the department in question. A long conversation regarding the insurance coverage issue was held. Per statute, DHE has no purview over the insurance coverage issue; it is up to the institutions and their governing boards to establish policy regarding this issue. Each institution has a different policy; for example, at CSU-Ft Collins, graduate students are required to have coverage but undergraduates are not required. At Ft. Lewis and Mesa State students are not required to have coverage. Vicki requested that each IHE send a copy of or link to their judicial procedures, insurance coverage policy, and institutional organizational chart. She will share a copy of DHE's complaint procedures with the institutions. Laura Evans was mentioned as a national consultant used by CSU and Metro regarding insurance coverage issues.

Insurance Coverage Citation

23-5-106. Authority of governing boards - general - health care insurance

(1) The governing board of any state institution of higher education has the authority to promulgate rules and regulations for the safety and welfare of students, employees, and property, to promulgate rules and regulations necessary for the governance of the respective institutions, and to promulgate rules and regulations deemed necessary to carry out the provisions of sections 23-5-106 to 23-5-110. Western state college shall not refuse to admit any Colorado resident qualified in accordance with applicable Colorado commission on higher education admission standards.

(2) The governing board of any state institution of higher education shall not promulgate any rules or regulations that restrict or prohibit on-campus recruiting by any local, state, or federal governmental agency; except that recruiting activities by any local, state, or federal

governmental agency shall be subject to the same time, place, or manner restrictions that apply to other entities that conduct recruiting on campus.

(3) (a) The governing board of an institution of higher education shall not require an undergraduate student to purchase health care insurance or health care services.

(b) The provisions of paragraph (a) of this subsection (3) do not apply to any program that was in existence at an institution of higher education on January 1, 1994.

Source: L. 69: p. 1063, § 1. C.R.S. 1963: § 124-1-8. L. 94: Entire section amended, p. 1677, § 2, effective May 31; entire section amended, p. 1796, § 9, effective May 31. L. 2007: (3)(a) amended, p. 69, § 1, effective March 15.

Please note that section(b) of this statute effectively repeals section (3) (a) if an institution's student insurance program was in place prior to Jan 1, 1994, **This Statute, 23-5-106 extends final authority to each individual campus, regarding Student Insurance Coverage, via their independent governing boards. This means that the individual state public institutions have final purview/jurisdiction over how they will administer these programs, (they may differ from institution to institution).**

Action items:

- DHE will request from each institution a copy of or link to insurance coverage plans, judicial procedures, and institutional organizational charts via email.
- Next meeting will be scheduled for late October.
- Group consensus is to meet every two months as the group gets started and then to meet quarterly.
- The lunch hour seemed to be the best time for people.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.