

# Academic Council

September 13, 2011

1:00-3:00pm

Department of Higher Education

1560 Broadway -Suite 1600 - Denver, CO 80202

## Meeting Notes

1. Greetings and Introductions
  - a. Changes at DHE. Introduce new staff.
    - a. Attendance – Frank Novotny, Geri Anderson, Diane Hegeman, Terence Parker, Rick Miranda, George Dennison, Donna Souther, Vicki Golich, Kathleen Bollard, Robin Wacker
    - Phone - Carol Futhey, Steve Werman, Peg Bacon, Jessica Young, Sandy Veltri
2. Corrections/Discussion of June Meeting Summary Notes [see handout]
3. Complete College America Grant
  - a. What it is, invitation to participate, learn best practices.
    - a. Update – Working with the community colleges. Hope this will apply to all institutions. Potential changes to policy and curriculum. 18 month contract. 30 states involved. 1 million dollar grant and almost all the money is going to the community colleges. Portion of funds for DHE to undertake an evaluation of curriculum and remediation. Students’ performance and outcomes as well as what is working in Colorado and what is happening on a national level.
    - b. Geri – Researching best practices from around the nation and 13 community colleges are replicating those that have been successful.
      - i. Control section = experimental section = students  
Working w/ College Board and diagnostic testing with Accuplacer. Accuplacer new diagnostic tool from College Board. Goes a little deeper than the cut score. Research will start soon and should have some info by Nov, Dec. Goal is to have new policy in place by this time next year. Some concern about success of students and support required for at risk population.
4. Budget Update
  - a. OSPB Report: Colorado Budget & Economy [PowerPoint]  
Short sad story ☹
5. Master Planning [reference April 21, 2011 CCHE agenda item “Master Planning Update” at [http://higher.ed.colorado.gov/CCHE/Meetings/2011/apr/apr11\\_va.pdf](http://higher.ed.colorado.gov/CCHE/Meetings/2011/apr/apr11_va.pdf)]
  - i. Ties the Master Plan to Performance Contracts and the legislation for performance funding. \$706 million – last highest number before recession – 2016 is the year after expiration of the FAPs.
  - a. Preliminary Goals for 2012 CCHE Master Plan and Addendum A [see handouts].
    - a. Degree Dividend (Higher Ed Strategic Plan) – Didn’t have benchmarks but just a plan and strategy. September of 2012 the plan must be in place.

- Refining the scope of the Degree Dividend and narrow it down to a few goals.
- b. See memo or agenda item – shows four goals from the commissioners.
    - i. Degree Attainment (more about getting out of than into college)
    - ii. Close gaps in degree attainment – underserved populations, esp. from rural areas, possible to provide incentives?
    - iii. Improve outcomes in remedial education
    - iv. Pursue public funding to help enrollment demands, maintain efficiency – try to make sure 50/50 tuition and state funding
  - c. Feedback – No mention of first generation regarding gaps. Reference to quality of learning experience. Graduation rates or undergraduate experience – multiple way of measuring quality. Financial aid – Did not address specifically but feel it needs to be discussed thoroughly and goes with degree attainment as well as increasing public funding.
- b. Focus Group Report, July 2011 [see handout].
- a. Reactions
  - b. NCHEMS study on CO compared to other states and internationally. Also internally, school districts, etc.
- c. What to expect from DHE next.
- a. December 2011 – DHE will have a summit – governing board members, commissioners and staff.
  - b. Addendum A – Using the President’s goal for 2025, model NCHEMS put together to see what we needed to do to reach the goal. Look at degrees produced per state dollar.
  - c. List of peer institutions. Is it relevant? Can DHE begin to look at these peer groups? Feedback from institutions.
- d. Performance Contract timeline. S.B. 11-052/§23-5-129(2)(a.5): “...the performance contracts in effect as of July 1, 2010 shall remain in effect until renegotiated as provided in section 23-1-108(1.5) no later than December 1, 2012.”
- a. Framework should be complete by Dec 2011 for feedback from institutions, governing boards, etc.
- e. Ina Morris will send out Peer Institutions document for review to ensure still accurate
6. Updates/Items of interest to Academic Affairs Council
- a. Educator Licensing at CDE is now processing teacher license applications in 3 weeks (down from the previous 4-6 months).
  - b. NGA Legislative Action Item: HR 2117 “Protecting Freedom in Higher Education Act” [see handout]. Goal of this bill is to undo the new DOE rules regarding IHEs offering distance/online education. This bill is not going anywhere. The senate version of the bill doesn’t have much backing--it will most likely get killed.
  - c. Private IHE Update.  
US Dept of Ed has put together a website that has put all these changes together.
    - i. Distance/Online Education-DOE Rules.
    - ii. Amendment to CCHE Policy I, J: Degree Authorization Act.

- iii. Proposed fee structure for gtPathways review of courses at private IHEs.
    - a. CTU Submitting programs
  - d. RFPs for researchers. Ian will forward to AC. Please encourage your faculty to apply.
7. Other Business?
- a. ADA web accessibility of bundled software with texts – Anything CAO group can do to manage this. It's becoming a problem. Disabilities Directors group that Cheryl had met with last year. Where is this going? Who is handling it? Sharing resources. Ian followed up with Kim Poast and brought this to the Student Affairs Council. They will pick up the work.
  - b. Steve Ludwig – CU Regent has contacted presidents and doing a tour of all colleges to talk about transfers and specifically talking about CSU and CU transfer agreements.