



Academic Council

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1:00-3:00pm

Department of Higher Education

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Agenda

1. Greetings and Introductions
2. Corrections/Discussion of June Meeting Summary Notes [see handout: 2012-6-12 - NOTES-AC]
3. Master Planning Update
 - a. Timeline:
 - June 28 - Governing Board Summit at Federal Reserve.
 - August 2-3 – CCHE Retreat (CMC): will discuss IHE feedback on proposed metrics.
 - September 1 – goals and metrics must be set; CCHE adopts Master Plan.
 - September – December: CCHE negotiates performance contracts with each governing board.
 - December 1: All contracts must be in place.
 - b. How can members of AC help DHE and the Commission communicate the outcomes of the 3 meetings with your CEO and your campus at large? Should DHE/CCHE come to your campus and give a presentation? Last time AC asked for:
 - Draft Master Plan is not ready yet.
 - DHE invited to ASC. Mark Cavanaugh will attend.
 - UCB Board meeting in June (Lt. Governor invited).
4. Work Groups to Address Recent Legislation
 - a. SB 12-45 "Higher Ed Associate Degree Transfer" signed into law. Directs CCHE to work with the state's colleges and universities to develop a process to notify students who satisfy the eligibility requirements to receive an associate's degree. DHE will need to write a rule for this bill's implementation. Dr. Kim Poast's "Admissions/Transfer Policy Group" will work on this at some point soon. Jon Bellum, Judi Diaz Bonacquisti, and Carol Futhey will be invited to join.

- b. HB 12-1155 “Improvements in College Completion,” requires DHE to take action on the issues of flexibility in remediation and writing a rule for CCHE to authorize an IHE to offer supplemental academic instruction. The Remedial Task Force workgroup will work on this. Barbara Morris and Sonia Brandon are already on it. Kevin and Sheila, if you’d like to be on it please contact tamara.johnson@dhe.state.co.us
- c. gtPathways Waivers from CCHE. HB 12-1155 add the following language to C.R.S. 23-1-125(3): IN CREATING AND ADOPTING THE GUIDELINES, THE DEPARTMENT AND THE COMMISSION, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION, MAY MAKE ALLOWANCES FOR BACCALAUREATE PROGRAMS THAT HAVE ADDITIONAL DEGREE REQUIREMENTS RECOGNIZED BY THE COMMISSION.
 - Need to work out a process to bring degree programs to CCHE for gtPathways waivers?

5. Follow-up: Issues around Ensuring Seamless Transfer

- a. DHE collected all cut scores for AP, IB and CLEP tests from the 4-year institutions and delivered them to CCCS. Are these in a spreadsheet now?
 - CCCS, ASU, CMC & Aims agreed to go with the highest scores.
 - WSCU wants more time to discuss whether they will go with the highest cut scores.
 - CMU wants to know what the highest scores are before agreeing to use them. How to get CMU this information?
 - FLC response to AC’s questions [see handout: Fort Lewis response]
- b. DANES tests and scores collected from the institutions below. What shall Ian do with them?
 - YES: CCCS, CMU, CSU-P, FLC, ASU, Aims, CMC, MSUD, CSU
 - NO: UCCS, UCB, WSCU
 - ?: CSM
- e. ~~How to ensure consistency across the state for students? Do we need to standardize or create a policy saying institutions will honor one another’s admission decisions? Should this go in the admissions policy or transfer policy? Must take into consideration the following points:~~
 - ~~Competency Testing & Credit for Prior Learning [C.R.S. 23-1-125(4)]: “...the commission shall, in consultation with each public institution of higher education, define a process for students to test out of core courses...” HB 12-1072 Concerning Credit for Prior Learning added “(4.5) Prior learning. Beginning in the 2012-14 academic year, each public institution of higher education shall adopt and make public a policy or program to determine academic credit for prior learning” to [C.R.S. 23-1-125]. Does everybody already have this?~~
 - ~~Transferring Credit. Potential issue to work out when one institution accepts and awards fulfillment of a gtPathways requirement for a course that other institutions do not accept.~~
 - ~~[C.R.S. 23-1-125(1)(e)]: “Students, upon completion of core general education courses, regardless of the delivery method, should have those courses satisfy the core course requirements of all Colorado public institutions of higher education;” The point here is, the moment an institution gives core course credit, it’s there on the student’s transcript and it should satisfy core course requirements at ALL public institutions.~~
 - ~~DHE’s recommendation for a policy statement in response to “e” above: “We all honor one another’s decisions.” If not this, then what?~~
 - ~~Last thing: There are currently 3 CCHE policies that are all related to this discussion:~~
 - 1) I, E: Statewide Remedial Education Policy
[\[http://highered.colorado.gov/Publications/Policies/Current/i_parte.pdf\]](http://highered.colorado.gov/Publications/Policies/Current/i_parte.pdf)
 - 2) I, F: Admissions Standards Policy
[\[http://highered.colorado.gov/Publications/Policies/Current/i_partf.pdf\]](http://highered.colorado.gov/Publications/Policies/Current/i_partf.pdf)
 - 3) I, L: Statewide Transfer Policy
[\[http://highered.colorado.gov/Publications/Policies/Current/i_partl.pdf\]](http://highered.colorado.gov/Publications/Policies/Current/i_partl.pdf)

Question: Should these 3 policies be collapsed into one policy? Why or why not?

6. Other Business?