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## Academic Council

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1560 Broadway -Suite 1600 - Denver, CO 80202

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## Minutes

### 1. Greetings and Introductions

**In attendance:** Kathleen Bollard, Steve Werman for Carol Futhey, Sheila Thompson for Vicki Golich, Diane Hegeman, Patricia Manzanares-Gonzalez, Rick Miranda, David Moon, Frank Novotny, Donna Souther, Brad Tyndall and Robbyn Wacker.

### 2. Corrections/Discussion of last Meeting's Summary Notes [see handout: 2012-10-9 - NOTES-AC] **Approved**

### 3. Master Planning Update

- a. Everything is going swimmingly! Thank you all for your hard work on this.

### 4. Implementing Legislation

- a. Reverse Transfer Grant Award [see handout: *DHE Reverse Transfer Grant Award*]  
**Kim.Poast@dhe.state.co.us gave an update. This is for students who have already met all requirements for an associate's degree. Research shows it can help with completion, momentum, and students feeling successful. ASU is using it as a motivational tool, especially for low income and students at risk of not completing.**
- b. Remedial Policy Task Force and Admissions & Transfer Policy Task Force
  - Drafts of these two policies are expected in April or May 2013.
  - Concurrently, GE and Academic Councils will be considering revisions to CCHE Policy I, L: Statewide Transfer (which relates to transfer options for students, gtPathways, and Statewide Articulation Agreements).
  - DHE staff will meet in February 2013 to consider any alignment issues between these 3 policies and bring them to GE and Academic Councils.

**Tamara.White@dhe.state.co.us gave an update. DHE and the groups working on these policies hope to bring them to CCHE by September 2013.**

- c. Supplemental Academic Instruction [latest SAI Policy draft will be sent separately when it becomes available]
- Timeline:
    - December 6, 2012: DHE will recommend CCHE approve the draft policy.
    - December 2012: IHEs submit proposals for CCHE approval.
    - January 2013: IHEs begin offering Supplemental Academic Instruction.
- Tamara.White@dhe.state.co.us gave an update. Question raised, “Must SAI be for credit?” DHE answer, “Yes, because student is getting COF for it.” Draft policy needs to go to the subcommittee then DHE will send to Academic Council.
- d. Checklist for Compliance with State Law and Policy Regarding gtPathways and Transfer [see handout: *agenda item gtPathways History Course Requirement and CCHE Policy I-L\_ Statewide Transfer Policy for Colorado Public Institutions of Higher Education\_10-16-12*]
- Discuss the attached draft agenda item regarding the history requirement and what GE Council said yesterday.
  - Take this to CCHE for discussion on December 6, 2012?

Tabled until clarity can be sought from AG’s office or DHE/AC/GE Council come up with another solution.

- e. gtPathways Waivers from CCHE. [see handout: *agenda item Waivers from gtPathways Requirements for Baccalaureate Programs That Have Additional Requirements*]
- Degrees from ASU, CMU (no waivers requested), CSM, CSU (no waivers requested), FLC, UCB & UCCS ready to go to December 6, 2012 CCHE.
  - Clarification that the gtPathways requirement for which we’re requesting a waiver is that the degree program does not have to include all 31 credits of the gtPathways core courses. The institution/degree program still has to accept gtPathways courses transferring into the degree, whether they apply to the degree’s gen ed component or the major.
  - Waiting on CSU-Pueblo (Rick will follow up), MSU Denver (Sheila will follow up), UCD (not requesting any waivers), UNC (Robbyn will follow up) & WSCU (Patricia will follow up).
- Decision made to wait until January to submit this so there’s more time for reflection to make sure the wording is right. There will be opportunities to submit agenda items like this to CCHE any time there are new, proposed degrees (this isn’t the last chance).

5. Recommendation to allow bachelor’s degrees in all education fields [see handout: *Agenda item REVERSE THE CCHE DECISION THAT PROHIBITS IEDs FROM OFFERING BAs IN ALL ED*]  
 No questions or objections.

6. DORA Accountancy Board proposed rules [see handout: *Accountancy Board-DORA letter 10-16-12*]
- According to Chair of Accountancy Board and DORA staff, the language of the rules won’t affect access. Community colleges will still be able to offer coursework leading up to the CPA exam and licensure if their programs are reviewed and approved by the Board and this applies to programs at the 4-year institutions as well.
  - Upper versus lower-division coursework: The language of the proposed rules would require coursework to be offered at the upper-division level. The Board will revisit this and will meet with 2- and 4-year representatives to work out a solution that is acceptable to everyone.
  - Please run this by your faculty who teach accounting coursework and have them get in touch with me if they have concerns.

Four-year institutions expressed concern over this letter and disagreed that the language should be changed. The provosts believe their accounting faculty will want this coursework to be at the upper-division level.

7. Other Business?

Program Discontinuance: CCHE Policy I, G. We've been operating under the assumption all institutions had a waiver from this policy and the statute on which it's based [23-1-107, C.R.S] but came to find out that Addendum B of the current performance contracts excludes sections (2), (4), and (5). DHE pointed out that in the past some institutions liked that CCHE enforced this because it helped them gain leverage with their faculty. But all in attendance at Academic Council today agreed they are taking care of this themselves on their own campuses and would prefer CCHE/DHE to stay out of it. AC requested to clarify the language in Addendum B in the new performance contracts to remove the entire paragraph that excludes sections (2), (4), and (5) and to make it clear that governing boards/institutions are waived from the entire 23-1-107, C.R.S.