



Academic Council

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1:00-4:00pm

Department of Higher Education

1560 Broadway -Suite 1600 - Denver, CO 80202

Call-in Number: 1-877-820-7831; Access code: 215368#

Agenda

1. Greetings and Introductions
2. Approval of Last Meeting's Notes [see handout: *2013-04-09 - NOTES-AC*]
3. Personnel changes at DHE
4. State Approval of Certificates (and other programs?) & Title IV Eligibility
 - a. The Department has received several requests to provide letters stating an institution's certificate programs are approved by the state to qualify for Title IV Student Financial Aid. However, per CCHE Policy I, V, the Commission does not approve certificate programs.
 - b. Presumably, the request is related to adding new programs for Title IV eligibility and gainful employment requirements, which references state approval to offer programs. [see handout: *Gainful Employment-Requirements for Adding New Educational Programs*]
 - c. Also, one institution would like its graduate certificates listed separately in SURDS with their own CIPs, presumably to be able to report enrollment and completion.
 - d. DHE's concern was that entering a program in SURDS presumes state approval of the program and CCHE does not approve certificate programs. This concern came from the unofficial position of Colorado Attorney Generals' Office:
 - [No process for CCHE to approve certificates] raises the possibility of consumer protection problems if an employer were to try and verify a "certificate" that is neither regulated nor sanctioned by the state and may not be recorded by the institution (such as those professors print off on their own).
 - e. Points for discussion:
 - i. Do academic programs need letters of state approval (at least from this state agency) for Title IV Student Financial Aid eligibility? If a letter of state approval is needed, should it more appropriately come from the licensing agency (CDE, DORA)? You are encouraged to discuss this with your Title IV representative.
 - ii. Since all public institutions operate under a performance contract, and 23-5-129(6)(b), C.R.S., states that institutions "Need not consult with nor obtain approval from the

[commission],” except for a review to ensure a program’s fit with “the institution's statutory role and mission,” does that mean each institution’s statutory role and mission, which authorizes it to operate education programs, is itself “the approval?”

- iii. Private institutions have their academic programs entered into SURDS and those programs are neither reviewed nor approved by the Department or CCHE. Thus, should entry of a program into SURDS presume any sort of “approval” by CCHE?
- iv. What revisions to CCHE Policy I, V would make the most sense? Are there instances where Department staff can/should “make the call” and that don’t necessitate Commission action, such as with modifications to programs? Should certificates be added? [see handout: *i-partv_draft revision_2013-06-11*]

5. State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement update [see handout: *National_Commission_Final_Report*]

- The State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) is a new initiative designed to safeguard distance-learning students and provide them with greater access to online courses, as well as to protect state and institutional interests.
- The recently released report and recommendations of the National Commission on the Regulation of Postsecondary Education is now available as a PDF at www.wiche.edu/sara. The report will serve as the consensus document as implementation of the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement proceeds throughout the U.S.

6. National Student Clearinghouse Data

- On May 3, 2013, Ian sent a query on institutions sharing National Student Clearinghouse data with one another. You were asked:
- Does your institution use this data source?
 - Yes: ASU, CCCS, CMC, CSU, FLC, MSU Denver, WSCU
- If so, should we consider sharing the data (in some summary form) with one another?
 - Yes: ASU, CCCS (# of transfer by College and top transfer destination; could be used to study mobility), CMC, CSU, FLC, MSU Denver, WSCU

7. Communication from WICHE

- Western Academic Leadership Forum (<http://www.wiche.edu/forum>)
 - “We’d love to have more provosts from Colorado participating in the Forum.”
 - The presentations from the Forum meeting, April 24-26, 2013 in San Diego are available online at <http://www.wiche.edu/forum/meetings/annual2013/presentations>
- Interstate Passport Initiative (<http://www.wiche.edu/passport/pilotproject>)
 - “We plan to pursue funding to expand our efforts and would be delighted to have Colorado involved. Let’s stay in touch over the next couple of months as we begin to work on the proposal for Phase II.”
 - Phase I: Twenty-three institutions in five WICHE states—California, Hawaii, North Dakota, Oregon, and Utah— are participating in the pilot. During this phase we have tested out the application process as well as the process for developing the Passport Learning Outcomes and Proficiency Criteria for three lower-division areas (oral communication, written communication, and quantitative literacy).
- Academic Leaders Toolkit (<http://alt.wiche.edu/>)
 - “Contributions would be most appreciated.”

8. Recent CCHE Actions of Interest (since April 2013)

- a. Proposal to Offer Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Education Endorsement at Fort Lewis College

- b. Proposal to Offer Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Education Endorsement at University of Colorado Boulder
 - c. Proposal to Offer Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Education Endorsement at University of Colorado - Colorado Springs
 - d. Approval of gtPathways Courses
 - e. Request for Authorization to Offer Supplemental Academic Instruction From Metropolitan State University of Denver
 - f. COF Eligibility for Extend Studies Programs for FY2014 (June 7 meeting)
 - g. Approval of Master of Information Technology Management (MITM) at CSU-Global Campus (June 7 meeting)
 - h. Waivers from gtPathways for Baccalaureate Programs That Have Additional Requirements (June 7 meeting)
 - i. Institution of Logistical Management – Request for Provisional Authorization (June 7 meeting)
9. Other Business?