



Academic Council

September 9, 2014

1:00-3:00pm

Department of Higher Education

1560 Broadway -Suite 1600 - Denver, CO 80202

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

Meeting Notes

1. Greetings and Introductions

In attendance: Kathleen Bollard (CU System), David Moon for Mary Coussons-Read (UCCS), Carol Futhy (CMU), Rae Shevalier for Vicki Golich (MSU-Denver), Diane Hegeman (ACC), Jerry Migler (CCCS), Rick Miranda (CSU-Ft. Collins), Barbara Morris (FLC), William Niemi (WSCU), Donna Norwood (Aims), Frank Novotny (ASU), Brad Tyndall (CMC), Ann Bentz and Tom Smith for Robbyn Wacker (UNC), Carl Wright (CSU-Pueblo).

2. Approval of Last Meeting's Notes [see handout: 2014-05-13 - NOTES-AC.docx] Approved.

3. Thought Leadership in College Completion – Focused Discussion Series

a. Issue #1 – The multi-system MOOC consortium – by Kathleen Bollard, University of Colorado System

- i. Last spring, ten large public university systems, including SUNY, Tennessee, University of Colorado, and University of Houston, formed a consortium to incorporate MOOCs and platforms offered through Coursera into their programs. Learn about the challenges and opportunities experienced by CU as this initiative gets underway.

Links to MOOC sites from Kathleen's presentation:

Coursera's main page: www.coursera.org

- CU System page: <https://www.coursera.org/cusystem> (not all courses are listed, but we hope that will be fixed soon).
- CU Boulder page: <https://www.coursera.org/boulder>
- The "TechniCity" course mentioned: <https://www.coursera.org/course/techcity>

edX's main page: www.edx.org

Udacity's main page: www.udacity.com

Next month's Focused Discussion will be led by Rick Miranda and Barbara Morris on the topic of analytics-based advising systems.

4. Update on HB-1384, Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative – Scott Wasserman, Chief of Staff for Lt. Governor Joe Garcia.

RFP for approximately \$3.4 million in program grants will be released October 1, 2014.



5. Update on HB-1319, Performance Funding – Kachina Weaver, project manager, DHE
See website at: <http://higher.ed.colorado.gov/Publications/General/1319/default.html>
6. Discussion of proposed changes to the COF, Service Area and Extended Studies policies – Ian Macgillivray, Director of Academic Affairs, DHE
Deferred until after Extended Studies Directors meet on Oct 22. We will bring this to the November Academic Council meeting for discussion.
7. Update from GE Council and PARCC – Ian Macgillivray
Statewide Transfer Articulation Agreements currently in the approval phases are scheduled for CCHE approval at the Commission’s December meeting.
8. Update on new Admissions Policy – Rhonda Epper, DHE
The group discussed the Guaranteed Transfer Admissions section of the new Admissions Policy. Staff shared results from a poll of institutions that offer guaranteed admissions. The group agreed on the following language for the new admissions policy:

4.03.04 Guaranteed Transfer Admissions

Applicants who have completed an Associate of Arts (AA) or Associate of Sciences (AS) degree from a Colorado public two-year institution will be guaranteed admissions at all Colorado public baccalaureate awarding institutions, except Colorado School of Mines, provided the student meets the minimum transfer GPA standard, has completed all courses with a grade of C or better and a two-year institution is the last institution attended prior to transfer.*

Admissions to an institution does not guarantee enrollment in a specific degree program. Institutions may have controlled entry due either to space limitations or academic requirements. Students who complete an AA or AS degree concurrent with high school may qualify for guaranteed admissions to an institution, and subsequently may be held to additional criteria for determining students eligibility for specific degree programs. These students will be reported as first-time applicants and may be held to additional institutional expectations of first-time applicants.

**Institutions may have specific policies or procedures which may disqualify a student from admission. University of Colorado Boulder, University of Colorado Denver, and University of Colorado Colorado Springs require completion of the University of Colorado Minimum Academic Preparation Standards (MAPS) for guaranteed transfer admission.*