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## Academic Council

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1560 Broadway - Suite 1600 - Denver, CO 80202

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### Notes

#### 1. Greetings and Introductions

In attendance: David Moon for Mary Coussons-Read (UCCS), Carol Futhy (CMU), Vicki Golich (MSU-Denver), Diane Hegeman (ACC), Barbara Morris (FLC), Bill Niemi (WSCU), Donna Norwood (Aims), Frank Novotny (ASU), Brad Tyndall (CMC), Robbyn Wacker (UNC), Carl Wright (CSU-Pueblo).

#### 2. Approval of Last Meeting's Notes [see handout: 2014-10-14- NOTES-AC.docx]

Approved

#### 3. Thought Leadership in College Completion – Focused Discussion Series

- a. Issue #3 – Federal Issues: Reauthorization of the Higher Education Act, by David Longanecker (WICHE)

David stated many in Washington, DC don't think the Higher Education Opportunity Act will get reauthorized in the next two years, but there could be changes proposed through Budget Acts. Some of the topics under discussion include:

- Simplification of Title IV financial aid, esp. FAFSA;
- Less regulation to promote innovation, though the only form of "regulation" that anybody can identify that should go away is duplicative reporting;
- Accountability (probably in performance) for institutions that take federal student aid;
- Will need to re-define "default" now that all student loans are through direct lending;
- Full-time financial aid going to 15 credits per semester to bolster "Full-time is 15" as part of completion agenda;
- Shared responsibility between 1) IHEs, 2) states, 3) federal, 4) students and 5) parents. See WICHE paper on this topic: <http://www.wiche.edu/pub/stateaid0414>
- Reexamination of Pell awards to help underserved students;
- Multi-state data exchange, since a national SURDS probably won't happen;
- Preservation of State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA).



4. Overview of [www.CollegeinColorado.org](http://www.CollegeinColorado.org) and new Admissions tool—Julia Pirnack, Director of Web and Curriculum Development, College in Colorado, DHE  
Julia distributed website traffic statistics to those at the table. CDHE staff will send to those on the phone. IHEs encouraged to check their profiles on the CiC website and ensure the institutional profile and the programs offered are up-to-date. If any questions or concerns, contact [Julia.Pirnack@cic.state.co.us](mailto:Julia.Pirnack@cic.state.co.us)
5. Check in on Supplemental Academic Instruction – Ian Macgillivray, Director of Academic Affairs, DHE
  - a. Do any institutions have a proposal forthcoming?
  - b. Currently approved: Aims CC, CCCS, FLC, MSU Denver & WSCU  
No institutions indicated they have a proposal forthcoming.
6. Remedial Education Policy
  - a. Include GED Honors score? [see handout: *2014 GED TEST PERFORMANCE STANDARDS.pdf*]
  - b. Include multiple measures for college readiness that could serve as a secondary assessment, such as GPA and rigor? (in line with Admissions Policy). [see handout: *Table of Cut Scores from CCHE Policy I-E\_Remedial Education.docx*]
  - c. Item 6, b is supported by this research [see handout: *EDUCATIONAL EVALUATION AND POLICY ANALYSIS-2014-Scott-Clayton-371-93.pdf*]  
Math Pathways Task Force is suggesting math subscores for different gateway math courses. This policy is on the table for a revision to give institutions more flexibility in determining students' readiness for credit-bearing coursework, especially in using rigor of high school curriculum.
7. Update from GE Council, PARCC and Math Pathways Task Force – Ian Macgillivray  
About 30 Colorado math and English Comp faculty are participating in the Faculty Judgment Study with Pearson, part of the validation of the PARCC tests. All remaining Statewide Transfer Articulation Agreements/DwDs that are currently in development are going to CCHE in December for approval. This will total 30 of these (the statutory mandate was to have 14 by 2016). GE Council deserves kudos for this!

**Next Meeting:**

December 9, 2014

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