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Colorado Commission on Higher Education
Standing Committee on Fiscal Affairs and Audit
Wednesday, September 9, 2015, 11:00am-NOON
CDHE Offices, 1560 Broadway, Emily Griffith Conference Rm
Via Teleconference Dial-in Number 1-877-820-7831; Code 368215#

I. Attendance

II. Committee Notes from August 20 (Att 1)

III. Old Business

A. Review and Discussion of Preliminary Capital Prioritization, Andrew Rauch

Questions ?

Suggested changes to staff preliminary recommendation of prioritization of projects?

V. Public Comment



Colorado Commission on Higher Education
Standing Committee on Fiscal Affairs and Audit Committee Meeting
Notes 8/20/15

- I. Attendance
Commissioners: Scott (Chair), Colon, Sandoval
Others: Alexis Senger (OSPB), Amanda Bickel (JBC), Todd Saliman (CU), Rich Schweigert (CSU), Bell Policy Center, DHE staff
- II. Old Business
 - A. CCHE review of Hospital Provider Fee to Enterprise Fund currently draft CCHE resolution is out for review.
 - a. Transmittal memo to governing boards will include background and rationale for CCHE support
 - b. Commissioner Scott noted that she was invited to a Regional Business Alliance meeting in CO Springs where she was able to provide information about the Hospital Provider Fee conversion to Enterprise Fund and raise support for the measure.
 - B. Review Preliminary Conceptual Graphic to Illustrate Tuition Policy Options (Working Draft)
 - a. Todd Haggerty presented the model as a conceptual framework and walked attendees through the decision tree noting that simplicity, flexibility, predictability and accountability are key.
 - b. Commissioners Colon and Sandoval voiced their support and stressed the importance of simplicity.
 - c. Diane clarified that each leaf of the decision tree contains a myriad of options to be decided upon at a later time but this graphic is meant to be a starting point and teaching tool to those less familiar higher education funding and the role of tuition policy.
 - d. Colon agrees and stresses the need for more detail while maintaining simplicity.
 - e. Next steps
 - i. Flesh out each branch/leaf
 - ii. Add notes from retreat
 - iii. As well as other text to accompany decision tree
 - iv. Commissioner Sandoval agreed that the above additions were necessary as the current graphic is not wholly intuitive and needing background info.
 - C. State Budget Request Calendar Cycle
 - a. Tonya Covarrubias explained that DHE staff is working with OSPB on the state budget request the preliminary requests were in and would be finalized in September
 - b. The three increases sought are to cover:
 - i. Increase for Institutions of Higher Education and student financial aid in accordance with statute

- ii. Ft. Lewis Native American tuition waiver
 - iii. WICHE Fee increase – modest amount
 - D. Progress on the Funding Allocation Model 2.0 was discussed and Todd updated the group as to refinements, recommendations and RFI responses that are being discussed to date. The team continues to strengthen and refine the model while maintaining a simple, transparent and predictable methodology.
 - a. An update can be expected in the September 3 meeting agenda packet.
 - i. September deadline important to avoid an overbooked October meeting
- III. New Business
- A. Two-Year Cash Funded Program List Amendments
 - a. CSU- Fort Collins
 - i. Andrew explained that the \$5.3 million bicycle and pedestrian underpass was funded using intercept bonds which would be paid back using parking revenue. This project is nuanced in that the money for it came from lower than expected interest rates and bids from previous projects.
 - B. Pikes Peak Community College
 - a. Statutorily, institutions have 15% leeway when projects are approved for possible overages, but once the 15% cap is hit, they must resubmit for re-approval. The Aspen Building Student Services Center on the Centennial campus was approved in 2013-2014 but due to construction cost inflation and bad original estimates given as to the cost of the project, revised estimates are submitted and an increase in funding is necessary in order to maintain the original size and design of the building.
 - i. Commissioners Colon and Sandoval expressed dismay at the spiraling cost.
 - C. Update on the capital budget process
 - a. Binders have been submitted to OSPB and Capital Development Committee
 - b. Andrew is in the process of creating a commission priority list to be discussed at the the September 9th FAA meeting
 - i. Typically, governing boards will then call the Committee to explain projects
 - ii. The September 21st FAA meeting will include a final list for the Committee to make a recommendation to the CCHE. The FAA recommended list sent out and voted on at the Oct. 29th CCHE meeting
 - c. Commissioner Scott asked Andrew to send a detailed capital construction priority list process timeline with notes
 - d. She also followed up from a timing issue last year to ensure that Committee members receive the prioritized list before it is made public and discussed at the FAA meeting.

