

## Academic Council

April 14, 2020 – 1:00 - 3:00pm  
Colorado Department of Higher Education  
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### Agenda -- **NOTES**

#### 1. Greetings and Introductions

In attendance from the Council: Mark Anderson (UNC); Josh Baker (CCCS-PPCC); Kent Buchanan (ASU); Helen Caprioglio (CSUP); Tom Christensen (UCCS); Maureen Durkin (CU System); Katherine Eggert (CU Boulder); Karen Ferguson (CSUG); Vicki Golich (MSU Denver); Kurt Haas (CMU); Michael Lightner (CU System); Rick Miranda (CSU); William Niemi (WSU); Landon Pirius (CCCS); Kathryn Regjo (CMC); Linda Van Doren (EGTC); Christina Carrillo (CDHE); Chloe Mugg (CDHE); Kim Poast (CDHE); Chris Rasmussen (CDHE); Katie Zaback (CDHE); Guests: Van Davis (WICHE); Russ Poulin (WICHE)

#### 2. Approval of March Meeting Notes

[see handout: 2020-03-10- NOTES-AC.pdf]

Notes approved

#### 3. Announcements and Discussion Items

##### a. Report from the April 3 meeting of the Commission on Higher Education

- Slight modification to Extended Studies policy on concurrent enrollment offerings by four-year institutions
  - Modification was approved exempting concurrent enrollment offerings by four-year institutions from Extended Studies (making them eligible for COF), aligning the policy with existing practice.
- New Statewide Transfer Articulation Agreements in computer science, dance, journalism, mechanical engineering, and public health
  - The agreements were introduced for discussion, with anticipated action to approve at the May meeting (with a possible delay for mechanical engineering)
  - Commissioners were excited about the Colorado School of Mines signing on to both the Computer Science and Mechanical Engineering agreements. This will be the first time Mines has been a signatory to an STAA.
  - Chair McGimpsey asked about launching a media campaign when the agreements are approved.

##### • Other

##### b. Appointment of Academic Council advisor to the Commission for a two-year term, July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2022

- Dr. Landon Pirius, Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, Colorado Community College System, has been appointed as the new Academic Council advisor to CCHE.
- Kim thanked Dr. Rick Miranda, Provost and Executive Vice President, Colorado State University, for the time he served as the Academic Council advisor to CCHE. Dr. Miranda will be stepping down as Provost and Executive Vice President in the next few months and suggested Dr. Pirius attend the June CCHE meeting, if possible.



- c. Updates and discussion on response to COVID-19:
- How is everyone fairing?
  - Move to online / remote instruction – stories from the field
  - Awarding and transfer of credit for AP and IB
  - Planning for summer sessions and fall semester
  - On-campus student services fees for summer sessions
  - Navigating vendor offers for online learning solutions and program management
  - How can CDHE help?
    - Robust discussion took place on all of these things. Guidance on AP was included in the memo from Dr. Angie Paccione dated March 27. Guidance on IB is on the CDE website at <http://www.cde.state.co.us/postsecondary/concurrentenrollment-covid19#highered>. More information on IB plans for assessments is available at <https://www.ibo.org/globalassets/news-assets/coronavirus/coronavirus-outbreak-faq-en.pdf> (last updated May 6).
- d. (2:00 p.m.) Proposed USDOE rules on distance education and innovation (see <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/04/02/2020-05700/distance-education-and-innovation>)
- Russ Poulin and Van Davis, WCET
  - Michael Lightner and Maureen Durkin, CU System
    - Guests from WICHE highlighted provisions in the proposed rules that might be of particular interest to IHEs. Institutions are invited to comment on the proposed rules no later than May 4. Maureen Durkin shared additional perspectives and questions to further discussion.
- e. Upcoming CCHE agenda items (for May 1 meeting)
- Extended Studies: Approval of Requests for FY21 COF Eligibility for Off-Campus Programs (could be delayed to June or July for FY21 due to uncertainty of state budget and higher education funding)
  - Approval of Statewide Transfer Articulation Agreements in computer science, dance, journalism, mechanical engineering, and public health
    - Four of the five new STAAs will go before the Commission on May 1 as an action item for approval. There may be a provision attached to this action item that approval of the agreements is contingent upon obtaining signatures from participating institutions.
    - The mechanical engineering agreement requires further consultation, including with the Office of the Attorney General, given its structure to complete general education requirements post-transfer.
  - Approval of minor changes to CCHE Policy, I, Part L (Statewide Transfer and GT Pathways) to allow for DwDs of more than 60 credits (mechanical engineering)
    - This was approved by the Commission at the May 1 meeting
  - Approval of revisions to CCHE Policy I, Part E (Developmental Education), and repeal of CCHE Policy I, Part W (Supplemental Academic Instruction)
    - Question about default use of a recent SAT/ACT score
    - Question about primary/secondary assessments
    - Institutions expressed support for additional flexibility on selecting the multiple measures that work best and not being bound to one of the standardized tests listed in the policy. Students who have a test score (SAT or other) that is at or above the cut level can use that score to enroll directly into gateway courses without remediation.
- f. Legislative and budget update

- Revisions to legislative agenda
- HB20-1002 (College Credit for Work-Based Learning)
- Budget projections for FY21 and beyond and potential impact
  - Chloe Mugg from CDHE provided an update on the legislative process—only a small number of previously introduced bills will be moving forward, which the Department expects will include HB20-1002. The next state revenue forecast will be made on May 12; state budget will not be approved until mid-to-late May.

4. New, modified, and closed programs

**New**

*None*

**Modified**

*University of Colorado Denver*

- Ph.D. in Design and Planning to Ph.D. in Geography, Planning, and Design

**Closed Programs**

*None*