

Academic Council

May 12, 2020 – 1:00 - 3:00pm
Colorado Department of Higher Education
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Agenda -- **NOTES**

- Greetings and Introductions
In attendance: Mohamed Abdelrahman (CSUP); Kent Buchanan (ASU); Tom Christensen (UCCS); Maureen Durkin (CU System); Katherine Eggert (CU Boulder); Karen Ferguson (CSUG); Vicki Golich (MSU Denver); Richard Holz (Mines); Michael Lightner (CU System); Nancy Matchett (UNC); Rick Miranda (CSU); William Niemi (WCU); Landon Pirius (CCCS); Kathryn Regjo (CMC); Christina Carrillo (CDHE); Kim Poast (CDHE); Tennelle Swan (CDHE); Katie Zaback (CDHE)
- **1:00 to 2:00: Impact of COVID-19 on Higher Education Operations: An Open Forum for Colorado's Higher Education Faculty** (in partnership with the Colorado Faculty Advisory Council)
- **Over 170 individuals participated in a robust discussion. A summary of the discussion, plus a crowd-sourced collection of concerns, opportunities, and recommendations, is available separately.**
- Approval of April Meeting Notes
[see handout: 2020-04-14- NOTES-AC.pdf]
Notes approved
- Announcements and Discussion Items
 - a. All things COVID-19
 - Governor's Emergency Council for Economic Stabilization and Growth, Committee on Labor, Employment, and Education, Sub-Committee on Education
 - Return to in-person instruction authorizations
 - Financial impacts and fall planning
 - b. Report from the May CCHE meeting:
 - Developmental Education policy revision
The revised policy (and repealed SAI policy) will be posted to the CDHE website in the near future and that a memo will be sent to institutions highlighting the changes and next steps.
 - New statewide transfer agreements
Commission approved the agreements pending the obtainment of signatures to the agreements from the chief academic officers of participating institutions and systems." The State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education is set to consider the proposed DwDs at its May 28 meeting. GE Council members agreed that signatures from Provosts/Chief Academic Officers would be satisfactory, as with other academic agreements (no need for signatures from institutional CEOs). The Department will follow-up regarding electronic signatures.
 - Future CCHE discussions on lasting changes to higher ed

The Commission has asked that the June meeting focus on potential structural change and transformation of the enterprise resulting from (or pushed over a tipping point by) the COVID-19 pandemic. A national panel will be assembled with facilitated conversation on key areas of potential change.

- c. USDOE proposed Title IX regulations
 - Discussion postponed due to time.
 - d. Annual Return on Investment Report (Katie Zaback and Tennelle Swan, CDHE)
 - e. Conversation with Jennifer Phillips, CO Education Liaison Representative, Veterans Administration Denver Regional Office (2:30 pm)
 - Ms. Phillips was unable to attend. The Academic Affairs team will attempt to reschedule Ms. Phillips for June.
- New, modified, and closed programs

New

Colorado Mesa University

- M.A. in Criminal Justice Leadership and Policy

Colorado School of Mines

- Graduate Certificate in Economic Geology
- Graduate Certificate in Exploration Methods
- Graduate Certificate in Quantum Engineering
- Graduate Certificate in Robotics
- Graduate Certificate in Smart Manufacturing
- MS in Quantum Engineering
- MS-NT in Quantum Engineering
- MS in Robotics
- MS-NT in Robotics
- Ph.D. in Robotics

University of Colorado Colorado Springs

- Undergraduate Certificate in Cybersecurity
- B.A. in Computer Science
- B.A. in Technical Communication & Information Design
- Graduate Certificate in Cybersecurity
- Graduate Certificate in Sport Management
- Ph.D. in Business Administration

University of Colorado Denver

- M.S. in Media Forensics
- Ph.D. in Geography, Planning, and Design

Modified

None

Closed Programs

None