

## Academic Council

June 9, 2020 – 1:00 - 3:00pm  
Colorado Department of Higher Education  
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### Agenda -- **NOTES**

#### 1. Greetings and Introductions

In attendance: Ralph Altieri (CU Anschutz); Mark Anderson (UNC); Josh Baker (CCCS-PPCC); Laura Borgelt (CU Anschutz); Michelle Blackwell (NSC); Kent Buchanan (ASU); Helen Caprioglio (CSUP); Tom Christensen (UCCS); Margaret Doell (ASU); Katherine Eggert (CU Boulder); Karen Ferguson (CSUG); Vicki Golich (MSU Denver); Kurt Haas (CMU); Richard Holz (Mines); Michael Lightner (CU System); Rick Miranda (CSU); William Niemi (WCU); Landon Pirius (CCCS); Brandon Protas (CCA); Kathryn Regjo (CMC); Patricia Shea (WICHE); Kate Springsteen (WICHE); Linda Van Doren (EGTC); Christina Carrillo (CDHE); Kim Poast (CDHE); Chris Rasmussen (CDHE); Michael Vente (CDHE)

#### 2. Approval of May Meeting Notes

[see handout: 2020-05-12- NOTES-AC.pdf]

Notes approved

#### 3. Announcements and Discussion Items

##### a. Report from the June CCHE meeting

- There were no agenda items related to Academic Affairs other than several ed prep items (approvals of new endorsements at several institutions). The bulk of the meeting was devoted to a presentation and strategic discussion on the future of higher education in Colorado

##### b. Draft CDHE “Return to Campus” Guidance

- The guidance is still under development in consultation with CDPHE and the governor’s office. It is anticipated that the guidance will be available in the near future.

##### c. Proposed cannabis-related academic programs at CU Anschutz

- Dr. Altieri and Dr. Borgelt provided an overview of the two programs that are being proposed: a graduate certificate and a speciality track within an existing master’s degree program. CU Anschutz has consulted with the Institute of Cannabis Research on the two programs.
- Since the Commission on Higher Education does not meet in June the programs will be on the agenda for the August CCHE meeting.

##### d. CCHE Developmental Education policy and “extraordinary circumstances”

- Kim and Chris noted that the coronavirus pandemic has disrupted planning related to HB19-1206 implementation; CCCS in particular had budgeted significant funds for curricular initiatives and faculty development and most of that was eliminated. Statute and CCHE policy allows for extensions of implementation due to “extraordinary circumstances”, of which the coronavirus pandemic would seemingly qualify. Councilmembers were in



agreement; Chris indicated that the Department would reconvene the HB19-1206 cross-functional working group to discuss and recommend procedures for requesting timeline extensions as well as waivers of different provisions of the bill as allowed by statute.

- e. Presentation: Postsecondary Data Partnership (1:15 – 1:45 pm): Michael Vente, Brandon Protas)
- f. Presentation: Interstate Passport (2:00 pm): Patricia Shea, WICHE; Margaret Doell, ASU
- g. Conversation with Jennifer Phillips, CO Education Liaison Representative, Veterans Administration Denver Regional Office (2:30 pm, invited)
  - Conversation postponed

4. New, modified, and closed programs

**New**

*Colorado Mesa University*

- Undergraduate Certificate in Innovation
- A.A.S. in Early Childhood Education
- B.S. in Outdoor Recreation Industry Studies

*Colorado State University*

- B.F.A. in Dance
- B.S. in Agricultural Biology

*Colorado State University – Global Campus*

- B.S. in LPN-BSN
- Master of Science in Nursing

**Modified**

*None*

**Closed Programs**

*None*