

Academic Council

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Colorado Department of Higher Education
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Agenda -- NOTES

1. Greetings and Introductions

In attendance: Mohamed Abdelrahman (CSUP); Mark Anderson (UNC); Josh Baker (CCCS-PPCC); Kent Buchanan (ASU); Tom Christensen (UCCS); Katherine Eggert (CU Boulder); Karen Ferguson (CSUG); Kurt Haas (CMU); Bill Henry (MSU Denver); Richard Holz (CSM); Michael Lightner (CU System); Rick Miranda (CSU System); Bill Niemi (WCU); Cheryl Nixon (FLC); Mary Pedersen (CSU); Landon Pirius (CCCS); Kathryn Regjo (CMC); Lisa Schlotterhausen (CCCS-LCC); Linda Van Doren (EGTC); Chris Ammons (CDHE); Christina Carrillo (CDHE); Beverly Jones (CDHE); Brandon McReynolds (CDHE); Kim Poast (CDHE); Chris Rasmussen (CDHE); Michael Vente (CDHE)

2. Approval of June Meeting Notes

[see handout: 2020-06-09- NOTES-AC.pdf]

Notes approved

3. Announcements and Discussion Items

a. All things COVID-19 and other challenges of our times....

- General reports/observations/bright spots?
- CDHE “Return to Campus” Guidance and other guidance (CDHPE, CDE, county/local authorities) – questions/clarifications?
- Movement for social justice and planning for fall

b. Report of August 6-7 CCHE retreat and business meeting

- Two commissioners’ terms ended in June. Governor Polis has now appointed 8 of the 11 commissioners. They see themselves as change agents but a lot of the IHEs are already doing many of the things the Commission is suggesting. It may be helpful to establish a baseline with the Commissioners about where many of the IHEs are with different initiatives.
- The Commissioners had a lot of questions about how IHEs are functioning during COVID-19 pandemic.
- What is the financial impact going to be if all plans for students to return to face-to-face instruction are canceled, students are forced to return to online instruction, and students want refunds?

c. Certificate programs and gainful employment regulations

- Federal Gainful Employment regulations expired July 1; how are institutions approving and reporting certificates post-regulation? What needs to be reported to CDHE/SURDS?
- For IPEDS, anything that might appear on the transcript is to be reported, and that includes any kind of award (including a certificate)



- Institutions are also to report any award that is eligible for Title IV financial aid (an actual award vs. a certificate of completion)
 - It was suggested that certificates do not need approval of an institution's governing board, unlike degrees; instead they can be approved internally through academic leadership
 - What needs to be reported to CDHE?
- d. Report of the Sexual Misconduct Advisory Committee Report and Guidance on Title IX
- Postponed to September
- e. Strong Start to Finish grant to CDHE to advance student success through improvement of developmental education advising, placement, instruction, and support
- Christina walked through the particulars of the grant, which focuses on professional development for academic advisors, and will also help the department to improve data collection for the annual remedial report and to assess the efficacy of different placement strategies and curricular approaches
- f. Extended Studies COF funding requests for FY21
- Recommendations will be brought to CCHE at its September meeting
- g. Data collection efforts on work-based learning within baccalaureate degree programs
- Dr. Brandon McReynolds and Beverly Jones from the Department presented on this effort to collect data from IHEs surrounding WBL opportunities within baccalaureate degree programs.
 - A survey was sent out to all IHEs in February, prior to COVID-19, with about a 75% response rate. Dr. Paccione is requesting 100% response from IHEs.
 - IHEs want to know why this information is being requested and how it will be used? What is the Department trying to track/measure?
 - Governor Polis' office has requested the information.
 - What is the purpose?

4. New, modified, and closed programs

New

Colorado School of Mines

- Graduate Certificate in Business Analytics
- Graduate Certificate in Data Science – Computer Science
- Graduate Certificate in Data Science – Foundations
- Graduate Certificate in Data Science – Statistical Learning
- Graduate Certificate in Earth Resource Data Science
- Graduate Certificate in Entrepreneurship
- Graduate Certificate in Environmental Modeling
- Graduate Certificate in Petroleum Data Analytics
- Graduate Certificate in Petroleum Geophysics
- Graduate Certificate in Product Management
- Graduate Certificate in Underground Construction and Tunnel Engineering

Colorado State University

- Graduate Certificate in Biomaterials and Tissue Engineering
- Graduate Certificate in Business Application Development
- Graduate Certificate in Communication and Technology
- Graduate Certificate in Cybersecurity
- Graduate Certificate in Data Engineering
- Graduate Certificate in Horticulture and Human Health

University of Colorado Boulder

- M.A. in Corporate Communication
- M.S. in Data Science
- M.S.D.S. in Data Science

- M.S. in Outdoor Recreation Economy
- M.A. in Teaching Leadership

Modified

Colorado State University

- Master of Addiction Counseling to Master of Addiction Counseling in Psychology
- Professional Natural Science to Professional Science Master's in Natural Sciences
- M.S. in Public Communication and Technology to M.S. in Journalism and Media Communication

University of Colorado, Boulder

- B.S. in Technology, Arts & Media to B.S. in Creative Technology and Design
- M.A. in Theatre to M.A. in Theatre and Performance Studies
- M.S. in Technology, Media and Society to M.S. in Creative Technology and Design
- Professional M.S. in Technology, Media and Society to Professional M.S. in Creative Technology and Design
- PhD in Technology, Media and Society to PhD in Creative Technology and Design
- PhD in Theatre to PhD in Theatre and Performance Studies

University of Colorado, Colorado Springs

- PhD in Business Administration to DBA in Business Administration

Closed Programs

University of Colorado, Denver

- Ed.S. in Administrative Leadership & Policy Studies (closed last fall)