

## Academic Council

September 8, 2020 – 1:00 - 3:00pm  
Colorado Department of Higher Education  
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### Agenda

#### 1. Greetings and Introductions

In attendance: Mohamed Abdelrahman (CSUP); Jaimie Aister (CTU); Mark Anderson (UNC); Josh Baker (CCCS-PPCC); Kent Buchanan (ASU); Tom Christensen (UCCS); Vibhuti Dave (Mines) Margaret Doell (ASU); Katherine Eggert (CU Boulder); Karen Ferguson (CSUG); Kurt Haas (CMU); Bill Henry (MSU Denver); Richard Holz (Mines); Michael Lightner (CU System); Rick Miranda (CSU System); Danielle Motika (CTU); Bill Niemi (WCU); Mary Pedersen (CSU); Landon Pirius (CCCS); Kathryn Regjo (CMC); Lisa Schlotterhausen (CCCS-LCC); Valerie Simons (CU Boulder); Raana Simmons (Colorado Coalition Against Sexual Assault); Linda Van Doren (EGTC); Carl Einhaus (CDHE); Heather DeLange (CDHE); Kim Poast (CDHE); Chris Rasmussen (CDHE)

#### 2. Approval of August Meeting Notes

[see handout: 2020-08-11- NOTES-AC.pdf]

#### 3. Announcements and Discussion Items

- All things COVID-19 and other challenges of our times....
  - General reports/observations/bright spots?
    - Hyflex approach seems to be going well (report from PPCC)
    - Discussion of strategies for storing recordings of synchronous online course sessions, as well as closed captioning/audio transcription
  - Movement for social justice – curricular approaches, other supports
  - Presidential election – planning for before and after November 3
    - Reminder from Colorado Secretary of State on institutional obligation to comply with election laws regarding voting sites and ballot drop-off
  - Pass/Fail policies – continuation from spring or different approach this term?
    - Most institutions have returned to pass/fail policies and practice in place pre-COVID
- Report of September 3 CCHE business meeting
  - There were no academic affairs items on the agenda; largest amount of time was devoted to continued discussions on the funding formula, along with a supplemental appropriation to address funding gap for an academic building at MSU Denver
- Report of the Sexual Misconduct Advisory Committee Report and Guidance on Title IX (1:30pm)
  - Valerie Simons, University of Colorado Boulder
  - Raana Simmons, Colorado Coalition Against Sexual Assault
- The three-year bachelor's degree:
  - Have you attempted this in the past?
  - Have you assessed potential demand for a three-year degree program?



- What barriers exist to developing and launching three-year degree programs?
  - Various initiatives and approaches have been discussed and launched but there is very little demand to “pedal past the metal” when it comes to a bachelor’s degree; with linear (per-credit) tuition there is not the same incentive to pile up credits as there might be with block tuition (e.g., same rate for registration of 12-18 credits)
  - CU has had a multi-campus, interdisciplinary three-year degree program on the books for several years, and take-up has been in the single digits
  - CU also reported that many of its degree programs can be completed in three years based on course availability and sequencing—requires three summers of full-time study plus often more than 15 credits in fall/spring terms
  - Western has had recent discussions about three-year degree plans that would require concurrent enrollment and credits earned through prior learning assessment
  - CMC reported robust take-up of its free summer session for continuing students, with completion rates comparable to past summers; suggests that students will register for summer courses if the price is right
- Proposed fee to CDHE for participation in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (Heather Delange)
  - The proposal would enable CDHE to recover the growing costs of administering SARA for Colorado participating institutions
  - The proposed fees would range from \$250 to \$750 annually and would be in addition to the fees institutions pay to NC-SARA
  - Would require a statutory change to allow CDHE to collect fees from in-state public institutions (currently statutory authority for fee assessment is limited to private and out-of-state institutions)
  - On a related note, it was suggested that CDHE compile data on complaints against institutions and share that information with stakeholders, with an eye toward working collaborative to improve on matters raised in complaints

#### 4. New, modified, and closed programs

##### **New**

###### *Colorado State University*

- Ph.D. in Music Therapy

###### *University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus*

- Graduate Certificate in Cannabis Science and Medicine
- Master of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences (Cannabis Science and Medicine
- Specialty Track)

###### *University of Colorado-Colorado Springs*

- Undergraduate Certificate in Elementary Initial License
- Undergraduate Certificate in Secondary Initial License
- Graduate Certificate in Gifted and Talented Education
- Graduate Certificate in Teaching Mathematics

##### **Modified**

###### *Metropolitan State University of Denver*

- Unmanned Aerial Systems Certificate changed to Unmanned Aircraft Systems Certificate
- Extended Major in Media Production and Leadership changed to Extended Major in Journalism and Media Production

##### **Closed Programs**

*None*