

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 (CSU-P); Josh Baker (CCCS-PPCC); Kent Buchanan (ASU); Tom Christensen (UCCS); Katherine Eggert (CU Boulder); Kurt Haas (CMU); Bill Henry (MSU Denver); Rick Holz (Mines); Michael Lightner (CU System); Nancy Matchett (UNC); Pete McCormick (FLC); Rick Miranda (CSU); Bill Niemi (WCU); Fida Obeidi (CCCS-CCD); Ruthanne Orihuela (CCCS-CCD); Mary Pedersen (CSU); Landon Pirius (CCCS); Beez Schell (CMC); Linda Van Doren (EGTC); Christina Carrillo (CDHE); Chloe Figg (CDHE); Kim Poast (CDHE); Chris Rasmussen (CDHE); Jason Schrock (CDHE)

2. Approval of November Meeting Notes

[see handout: 2020-11-10- 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?
- Movement for social justice – curricular approaches, other supports
- Elections and Their Discontents
 - With the CoVID-19 vaccines soon to roll out, institutions are considering whether and how to require vaccination of students and staff. There was also discussion regrading IHE involvement as vaccination centers for the community.

b. Report on special session of the General Assembly (Chloe Figg)

- Chloe Figg, Legislative Liaison, provided an overview of the special session that Governor Polis convened of the General Assembly. This special session lasted for three days (Monday, November 30 – Wednesday, December 2).
- Ten bills were passed, totaling \$342M. Bills that were passed include reinstating unemployment benefits, grants to improve internet access to P-12 education, and aid to low income families to assist in utility bill payments.
- These bills were passed as “band-aid relief” as many Coloradans await federal relief.
- Chloe also provided a brief overview of a bill that is not being sponsored by CDHE; however, the bill would affect the higher education ecosystem.
 - Rep. Kitt and Rep. Story were approached by Young Invincibles to change statute to make 4-year IHEs admissions standards test optional. The Department does not have a position on this bill.



- K-12 has expressed concern with this bill, as they believe one of the unintended consequences would be that students would not take the SAT. The SAT is one of the graduation options to demonstrate college readiness.
- c. Budget update (Jason Schrock, 1:15 pm)
 - Jason Schrock, Chief Financial Officer, provided an overview of the Governor’s budget request that was submitted in early November.
 - Funding request for higher education includes restoring funding to FY20.
- d. Report of the December 3 CCHE meeting
 - Commissioner Tom McGimpsey stepped down as the chair of CCHE due to a recent job promotion requiring more of his time. Vice-Chair Vanecia Kerr agreed to step into the Chair role until the end of the academic year. By unanimous vote, Commissioner Sarah Hughes was elected to serve as Vice-Chair.
 - Vice-Chair Hughes reviewed the work plan she and other commissioners have been drafting during the work session prior to the business meeting.
 - The Commission will schedule a learning session for a future meeting focused on lessons learned from the near-overnight switch to all remote learning, and changes made in the fall semester to improve the student learning experience.
- e. Proposed degree programs at the Community College of Denver:
 - Bachelor of Applied Science in Health Informatics
 - The Department emailed Academic Council members regarding the proposed BAS degree in Health Informatics on November 5 to solicit feedback, in accordance with statute and CCHE policy requiring a 30-day public comment period.
 - Dr. Ruthanne Orihuela, Provost & Vice President of Academic Affairs at the Community College of Denver, provided a brief overview of the program and was available for questions from Council members.
 - Dr. Orihuela stated this particular program was designed to be offered online.
 - No comments were received regarding this program.
 - Bachelor of Applied Science in Cannabis Science and Operations
 - The Department emailed Academic Council members regarding the proposed BAS degree in Cannabis Science on November 5 to solicit feedback, in accordance with statute and CCHE policy requiring a 30-day public comment period.
 - Dr. Ruthanne Orihuela, Provost & Vice President of Academic Affairs, and Dr. Fida Obeidi, Dean of the Center for Health & Natural Sciences at the Community College of Denver, led a robust conversation about the curriculum and title of this program, partly in response to concerns raised by one institution about including “science” in the degree title. Dr. Obeidi articulated the scientific content of the program and clarified that the full name of this program is BAS in Cannabis Science and Operations.
 - Feedback was provided by CSU Pueblo.
 - Associate of Applied Science in Cannabis Business
 - The Department emailed Academic Council members regarding the proposed AAS degree in Cannabis Business on November 5 to solicit feedback, in accordance with statute and CCHE policy requiring a 30-day public comment period for cannabis-related programs.
 - No comments were received regarding this program.

4. New, modified, and closed programs

New
None

Modified

Colorado State University – Pueblo

- Post-Graduate Certificates for Teacher Licensure
 - Early Childhood Education Licensure changed to Early Childhood Education
 - K-6 Elementary Education Licensure changed to K-6 Elementary Educaiton
 - K-12 Art Licensure changed to K-12 Art
 - K-12 Culturally & Linguistically Diverse Education Licensure changed to K-12 Culturally & Linguistically Diverse Education
 - K-12 Instructional Technology Licensure changed to K-12 Instructional Technology
 - K-12 Music Licensure changed to K-12 Music
 - K-12 Physical Education Licensure changed to K-12 Physical Education
 - K-12 Special Education Generalist Licensure changed to K-12 Special Education Generalist
 - K-12 World Languages: Spanish Licensure changed to K-12 World Langues: Spanish
 - Middle School (6-8) Mathematics Licensure changed to Middle School (6-8) Mathematics
 - Secondary English Licensure changed to Secondary English
 - Secondary Mathematics Licensure changed to Secondary Mathematics
 - Secondary Social Studies (History) Licensure changed to Secondary Social Studies (History)
 - Secondary Social Studies (Political Science) Licensure changed to Secondary Social Studies (Political Science)
 - Secondary Science (Biology) Licensure changed to Secondary Science) Biology
 - Secondary Science (Chemistry) Licensure changed to Secondary Science (Chemistry)
 - Secondary Science (Physics) Licensure changed to Secondary Science (Physics)
 - Secondary Science (Physical Science) Licensure changed to Secondary Science (Physical Science)

University of Colorado, Colorado Springs

- Undergraduate Certificate in Cybersecurity changed to Undergraduate Certificate in Cybersecurity Management
- Graduate Certificate in Cybersecurity changed to Graduate Certificate in Cybersecurity Management
- Graduate Certificate in Operations Management changed to Graduate Certificate in Operations & Supply Chain Management

University of Colorado, Denver

- B.A. in Public Service changed to B.A. in Public Administration

Closed Programs

None