

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); Lynette Bates (CCCS-TSJC); John Berger (CSM); Joann Brennan (CU Denver); Kent Buchanan (ASU); Tom Christensen (UCCS); Maureen Durkin (CU System); Kristine Greer (FLC); Kurt Haas (CMU); Bill Henry (MSU Denver); Angela Hernquist (CSUG); Vivian Jeffcoat (EGTC); Michael Lightner (CU System); Rick Miranda (CSU); Bill Niemi (WCU); Mary Pedersen (CSU); Landon Pirius (CCCS); Kathryn Regjo (CMC); Christina Carrillo (CDHE); Spencer Ellis (CDHE); Kim Poast (CDHE); Chris Rasmussen (CDHE)

2. Approval of December Meeting Notes

[see handout: 2020-12-08- NOTES-AC.pdf]

Notes approved with amendment regarding feedback on the proposed BAS program in Cannabis Science and Operations at CCD.

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?
- Events in DC, campus conversations, efforts at healing
 - Discussion of campus demonstrations and planning between now and Inauguration Day.
 - The Governor’s Office is expecting large protests in Denver this weekend due to the events at the U.S. Capitol last week.

b. Report on December 3 CCHE meeting

- The revisions to Policy I, Section L Statewide Transfer and GT Pathways Policy were approved by the Commission, which codifies that GT Pathways is exclusively a lower-division curriculum (with the exception of the GT-CO3 category, which is often listed at the 300/3000 level).
- The Commission has developed a comprehensive work plan, with priority focused on equity, advocacy, and long-term planning.
- The Commission recognizes COVID-19 as an exceptional circumstance and has agreed to pre-approve institutional requests for a one-year extension of the HB19-1206 implementation date (from 2022-2023 academic year to the 2023-2024 academic year). Staff are developing a process for formal requests for a one-year or two-year extension.



- c. Legislative Updates
 - JBC hearing was held on January 11. The Department asked to retain the OER staff position but conceded the grant program money.

- d. Strong Start to Finish and HB19-1206 implementation
 - CCHE resolution to pre-approve requests for one-year extensions of implementation date (to the 2023-24 academic year)
 - Draft guidance and processes for institutional plans, extension requests, and waiver requests (see <http://masterplan.highered.colorado.gov/cche-innovation-in-policy/> for waiver requests)
 - There was discussion of the three draft processes, which mostly affect institutions that are authorized to offer pre-requisite developmental education courses. Feedback was provided that the content and structure work as presented. The drafts will go to the Commission next month for approval as part of it's "standards and procedures" related to dev ed.
 - Academic advising professional development modules
 - Modules are on track to launch in late spring/early summer.
 - Our partners, Student-Ready Strategies (SRS), will have a group of volunteer advisors from across the state to beta test the modules before they are launched. Timeline for beta testing is May.
 - Redesign of STAA documents
 - Request for alum testimonials
 - a. As part of the STAA redesign, the Department will be including an alumni spotlight for each of the 38 STAAs/DwDs. The spotlights will include a photo and a quote from someone who has graduated from a Colorado institution with the specific degree. The quote would focus on what they're doing with their degree, why they entered the field, and/or what they like about the career path they chose.
 - b. Students do not necessarily need to have completed the STAA/DwD to be considered for a testimonial; however, it would be beneficial if we could highlight a wide range of successes from across the state.
 - c. Christina will send out an email later this week to the GE Council with this information as well as which STAAs/DwDs still need alumni testimonials; however, it will not hurt to have options for the programs that already have testimonials.
 - Minor revisions to template language
 - a. As the Department and SRS continue to work on the STAA/DwD redesign, minor revisions to the standard template language will need to be made. Language currently refers to "updated Fall 2019 admissions guidelines..."
 - b. This topic will return for further discussion at next month's GE Council meeting.
 - Academic advisor community meeting (SASS: Statewide Advisors for Student Success – Wednesday, January 27, 10:00-11:30 am) -- <https://csuglobal.zoom.us/j/97962301298?pwd=VIJFaDRnTGdVUHJYtldDVVhjc051UT09> (password: 097375)
 - Academic advisor/faculty convenings
 - Dev ed data – enhancements to collection and reporting (technical assistance from Allison Bell, Three Arrows Up Consulting)

- e. HB20-1002 Implementation: Work-Based Learning and Prior Learning Assessment (1:30pm)
 - Study of institutional capacity to engage in full-fledged assessment of prior learning ("test out" option for any course in the undergraduate curriculum)

- Work-based learning and statewide transfer (technical assistance from Bitsy Cohn of Cohn Solutions Group)
- PLA data – enhancements to collection and reporting (staff lead Carl Einhaus)
 - Council discussed the plan of work for HB20-1002 implementation and provided input to staff and the hired consultant.

4. New, modified, and closed programs

New

Colorado School of Mines

- B.S. in Business Engineering and Management Science

University of Northern Colorado

- M.S. in Athletic Training

Modified

None

Closed Programs

University of Northern Colorado

- B.S. in Athletic Training