

Academic Council

March 9, 2021 – 1:00 - 3:00pm
Colorado Department of Higher Education
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Agenda -- **NOTES**

1. Greetings and Introductions

In attendance: Mohamed Abdelrahman (CSU-P); Mark Anderson (UNC); Josh Baker (CCCS-PPCC); John Berger (CSM); Joann Brennan (CU Denver); Kent Buchanan (ASU); Tom Christensen (UCCS); Katherine Eggert (CU Boulder); Kristine Greer (FLC); Kurt Haas (CMU); Mike Lightner (CU System); Rick Miranda (CSU System); Bill Niemi (WCU); Mary Pedersen (CSU); Landon Pirius (CCCS); Kathryn Regjo (CMC); Paul Savory (CSU-G); Lisa Schlotterhausen (CCCS-LCC); Linda Van Doren (EGTC); Bitsy Cohn (Cohn Consulting Group); Christina Carrillo (CDHE); Kim Poast (CDHE); Chris Rasmussen (CDHE); Michael Vente (CDHE)

2. Approval of February Meeting Notes

[see handout: 2021-02-09- NOTES-AC.pdf]

Notes approved

3. Announcements and Discussion Items

- a. All things COVID-19 and other challenges of our times....
- b. Report on the March 5 CCHE meeting (including panel presentations on impacts of the pandemic – from four-year public and four-year private institutions, and Commission learning session on test-optional admissions)
- c. Social Determinants of Student Success
 - Healthy Minds/Hunger Free [checklists](#)
 - In a continued effort to address student success beyond the classroom, the Department has partnered with Young Invincibles, Hunger Free Colorado, the National Mental Health Innovation Center, and our state agency partners to develop the “Hunger Free” and “Healthy Minds” campus checklist for institutions of higher education.
 - Michael Vente, Senior Director of Research and Data Governance, provided a brief overview and summary of these new checklists the Department launched on February 24.
 - The checklists were created to work with existing resources on college campuses and offers a variety of options to ensure that the needs of students are met while still working within available resources.
 - Campuses can use these checklists to apply for “Hunger Free” and “Healthy Minds” designations from CDHE.
- d. Update on study of institutional PLA efforts



- Draft outline of report for the General Assembly
- Draft survey of policies, practices, potential costs
- Points of contact from institutions
 - Christina emailed Academic Council members on March 1, requesting primary points of contact for each institution/system who can address the required areas of focus identified in [HB20-1002](#) for the legislatively mandated study of prior learning assessment. Only a handful of IHEs have not yet responded. Christina informed the Council at large that she would be reaching out to those IHEs who haven't responded individually. The list of contacts will be sent to Bitsy Cohn later this week.

4. New, modified, and closed programs

New

Colorado Mesa University

- A.A.S. in Pharmacy Technician

Colorado School of Mines

- B.S. in Quantitative Biosciences and Engineering

Colorado State University

- Professional Science Master's in Ecosystem Science and Sustainability

University of Colorado, Colorado Springs

- B.A. in Inclusive Early Childhood Education (IECE)

Modified

None

Closed Programs

None