

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); John Berger (CSM); Joann Brennan (CU Denver); Kent Buchanan (ASU); Tom Christensen (UCCS); Kristine Greer (FLC); Kurt Haas (CMU); Bill Henry (MSU Denver); Mike Lightner (CU System); Rick Miranda (CSU); Bill Niemi (WCU); Mary Pedersen (CSU); Landon Pirius (CCCS); Paul Savory (CSU-G); Beez Schell (CMC); Linda Van Doren (EGTC); Cynthia Armendariz (CDHE); Christina Carrillo (CDHE); Carl Einhaus (CDHE); Spencer Ellis (CDHE); Kim Poast (CDHE); Chris Rasmussen (CDHE)

2. Approval of April Meeting Notes

[see handout: 2021-04-13- NOTES-AC.pdf]

Notes approved

3. Announcements and Discussion Items

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

- Inta Morris, COO, has left after 14 years with the Department. Inta has served admirably as the main COVID-19 point of contact since the beginning of the pandemic. Kim will be taking over as the main POC for school-based responsibilities re: COVID-19, along with Ben Boggs. Kim and Chris hosted academic affairs/student success all-calls for the better part of the year during the pandemic, which transitioned in early spring 2021 to a discussion of a “post-pandemic” environment and lasting changes in operations. There is no new updated COVID-19 guidance currently.

b. Report of the June 3 CCHE meeting

- Spencer Ellis, Director of Educational Innovation, and Lauren Gilliland, Senior Finance Analyst, presented a discussion item to the Commission regarding a new proposal under the CCHE Innovation Policy. CCCS and CMC are proposing a pilot program to award state financial aid to concurrent enrollment students.
- Kristi Wold-McCormick, University Registrar, and Reid Kallman, Associate Registrar, both of CU Boulder, provided a presentation to the Commission about EDX Transcript Solutions.
- Luis Colon and Tom McGimpsey both ended their terms as Commissioners. Proclamations were presented to both Commissioners as tokens of appreciation.
- Wayne Artis completed his term as Faculty Advisor. Melinda Piket-May of CU Boulder will now serve as CCHE Faculty Advisor. A proclamation was presented to Mr. Artis as a token of appreciation.



- Leah Porter and David Olguin completed their terms as Parent Representative and Student Representative, respectively. A search for to find new Parent and Student Representatives is currently under way.
- c. House Bill 21-1330 (higher ed related expenditures of ARPA funds)
- HB21-1330 Higher Education Student Success is a late bill that is being sponsored by Representatives McCluskie and Ricks and Senators Kirkmeyer and Zenzinger. The primary purpose of the bill is to appropriate ARPA funds for higher education, most of which will go to students in the form of tuition assistance and other financial supports. The Department is very excited about this bill and the money that will be coming to IHEs soon.
 1. Sections 2-5: Scholarships to be administered through COSI, focused on helping students to complete degrees they started before stopping out
 2. Section 6: CORE Initiative – authorizes four-year institutions without existing associate degree granting authority to develop associate completion programs and award associates to students who stop out and meet certain conditions (including ineligibility for existing reverse transfer)
 3. Sections 7-12: Changes to the BAS authorization and approval process for all community and local district colleges; also makes changes to other degree approval requirements for Colorado Mountain College
 4. Section 13: Future of Education Task Force – creates a task force to address a number of issues connected to public higher education in Colorado and alignment with current and future workforce needs. Questions from Academic Council included how will IHEs be involved? How will recommendations be moved forward? Members of this task force will likely be selected by governing boards and/or campus presidents.
- d. Other legislation of import as we approach sine die
- Kim and Chris addressed other bills related to higher education, including test optional legislation, creation of new future education supports and development of an education pathway through SB21-185 (with a staff person to be located at CDHE).
- e. Strong Start to Finish grant project updates and HB19-1206 update
- The department has launched the Advisors LEAD professional development course for academic advisors. Invitations to complete the course have been sent first to advisors at community and local district colleges, which will be followed by four-year institutions that provide pre-requisite developmental education, and then all other institutions.
 - The STAA documents have been revised and the new versions have been uploaded to the CDHE website. The two education STAAs require additional work to incorporate institution-specific requirements (this is unique to the education documents).
 - Chris reminded the council that for institutions required to submit implementation plans related to HB19-1206, those are due to the department on August 1.
4. New, modified, and closed programs

New

Colorado Mesa University

- Associate of Applied Science in Fire Science Technology

Colorado State University

- Graduate Certificate in Aerospace Engineering
- Graduate Certificate in Advanced Manufacturing
- Graduate Certificate in Applied Positive Psychology
- Graduate Certificate in Human-Centered Design Thinking
- Graduate Certificate in Public Policy Analysis
- Graduate Certificate in Social Aspects of Human-Animal Interaction
- Graduate Certificate in Microbiome Science and Engineering

- Graduate Certificate in Urban Agriculture
- Metropolitan State University of Denver*
- Undergraduate Certificate in Quality in the Chemical Industry
 - Undergraduate Certificate in Sociology of Tourism
 - Undergraduate Certificate in Strategic Communication
 - B.A. in Public Health
 - Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction
 - Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology

Modified

Metropolitan State University of Denver

- Graduate Certificate in Health Data Science to Undergraduate Certificate in Health Data Science
- University of Colorado – Colorado Springs*
- Bachelor of Innovation in Inclusive Early Childhood Education to Bachelor of Innovation in Inclusive Early Childhood Leadership

Closed Programs

Metropolitan State University of Denver

- B.A. in Speech, Language, Hearing Sciences with Early Childhood Education Licensure