

## 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); Joann Brennan (CU Denver); Margaret Doell (ASU); Katherine Eggert (CU Boulder); Bronwyn Fees (CSU); Kristine Greer (FLC); Kurt Haas (CMU); Michael Lightner (CU System); Rick Miranda (CSU); Constancio Nakuma (CU Denver); Bill Niemi (WCU); Landon Pirus (CCCS); Kathryn Regjo (CMC); Misti Ruthven (Gov's Office); Paul Savory (CSU-G); Alfred Tatum (MSU Denver); Lisa Vollendorf (UNC); Rebecca Woulfe (CCCS-FRCC); Carl Einhaus (CDHE); Christina Carrillo (CDHE); Kim Poast (CDHE); Chris Rasmussen (CDHE)

#### 2. Approval of July Meeting Notes

[see handout: 2021-07-13- NOTES-AC.pdf]

Notes approved

#### 3. Announcements and Discussion Items

##### a. Updates from CCHE Advisor Landon Pirus

- Landon explained his role as the Chief Academic Officer advisor to the Colorado Commission on Higher Education. He attends all CCHE meetings and provides guidance and insight to the Commission on issues related to academic and student affairs.
- Landon reported on the Commission's annual two-day retreat, held July 29-30, and business meeting held July 30.

##### b. Colorado Re-Engaged Initiative

- Who's in?
- Agenda for a webinar with the Higher Learning Commission
- Drafting of process and rules
- Questions
  - Kim and Chris provided an update on the CORE Initiative. HB21-1330 included an appropriation to CDHE to hire a full-time staff member to launch and manage the program and also to drive improvements in the existing Reverse Transfer program. Peter Fritz will join the CDHE team on September 28 as the Director of Student Transitions and Degree Completion Initiatives.
  - The October Academic Council meeting will include time with Tom Bordenkircher of HLC to discuss the process of creating associate degree programs at institutions that don't already offer associate degrees, and the substantive change application and review process.

##### c. Draft revisions to CCHE Policy Section I, Part V: Creation and Modification of Academic Programs (to reflect BAS changes and program authorization requirements for CMC)

- Chris introduced a draft of revisions made to this policy to reflect changes as a result of HB21-1330.
  - This will go before the Commission in September as a discussion item.
  - d. Draft plan for implementation of HB20-1002 (work-based learning and transferrable college credit)
    - Chris reviewed the five-step implementation plan and proposed next steps.
    - Some feedback was provided on the particulars of the plan. The feedback along with input from stakeholder meetings will be used to revise the plan for further discussion.
  - e. Advisors LEAD course – available to academic advisors at all institutions
    - We were unable to get to this update today, but Christina will email an update about the Advisors LEAD course to council members later this week.
  - f. CDHE Staffing Updates
    - Kim provided an update about some recent staffing changes to the Student Success & Academic Affairs division, including a new educator pathways position, a new OER Director (search underway), the Director of Student Transitions and Degree Completion Initiatives, and new positions within COSI.
4. New, modified, and closed programs

**New**

*Colorado Mesa University*

- Undergraduate Certificate in Entry-Level Pharmacy Technician
- Undergraduate Certificate in Human Resource Management
- Undergraduate Certificate in Information and Communication Technology: Computer Repair
- B.F.A. in Theatre Arts: Design/Technology

*Colorado School of Mines*

- Graduate Certificate in Natural Resources & Energy Policy

**Modified**

*Colorado Mesa University*

- Undergraduate Certificate in Early Childhood Education Entry-Level Teacher to Undergraduate Certificate in Early Childhood Education Assistant Teacher

**Closed Programs**

*Colorado Mesa University*

- Undergraduate Certificate in Health Information Technology Systems
- Undergraduate Certificate in Cultural Resource Management
- B.A. in Theatre Arts: Design/Technology

*University of Colorado Boulder*

- M.S. in Information and Communication Technology for Development