

Academic Council

February 8, 2022 – 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); Joann Brennan (CU Denver); Kent Buchanan (ASU); Katherine Eggert (CU Boulder); Rick Farrer (CSU-P); Kurt Haas (CMU); Andrew Herring (CSM); Danen Jobe (CCCS); Kelli Klebe (UCCS); Mike Lightner (CU System); Kelly Long (CSU); Rick Miranda (CSU System); Constancio Nakuma (CU Denver); Bill Niemi (WCU); Kathryn Regio (CMC); Scott Reichel (Aims); Paul Savory (CSU-G); Alfred Tatum (MSU Denver); Linda Van Doren (EGTC); Lisa Vollendorf (UNC); Rebecca Woulfe (CCCS-FRCC); Cathy Brigham (College Board); Suzanne McGurk (College Board); Natasha Vasavada (College Board); Brandi Waters (College Board); Christina Carrillo (CDHE); Emma Fedorchuk (CDHE); Sam Fogleman (CDHE); Peter Fritz (CDHE); Beverly Jones (CDHE); Brittany Lane (CDHE); Kim Poast (CDHE); Sondra Ranum (CDHE); Chris Rasmussen (CDHE); Michael Vente (CDHE)

2. Approval of January Meeting Notes

[see handout: 2022-01-11- NOTES-AC.pdf]

Notes approved

3. Announcements and Discussion Items

a. Proposed cannabis-related programs at Colorado State University—Pueblo:

- Master of Science in Cannabis Biology & Chemistry
- Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Cannabis Biology & Chemistry
- Undergraduate certificate in Cannabis Biology & Chemistry
 - Dr. Rasmussen provided an overview of the above named programs, reminding Council members that per statute, all cannabis-related programs must go before the Commission for approval. Dr. Abdelrahman provided additional information on program curriculum and the student markets the programs are intended to serve. The programs will be presented for approval to CCHS at its March meeting.

b. Updates on the Colorado Re-Engaged (CORE) Initiative—HB21-1330 (1:10)

- Peter Fritz, Director of Student Transitions and Degree Completion Initiatives, CDHE
 - Mr. Fritz provided an update regarding the CORE working group. The working group will be meeting later this month to discuss degree offerings – Council members raised concerns regarding the use of the Associate of General Studies (AGS) degree, as this degree does not encourage students to continue on to complete a bachelor's degree. Peter acknowledged this concern and confirmed it will be discussed in further detail during the working group meeting later this month.

c. Early Childhood Education Course Scholarship Launch—SB21-236 (1:20)

- Emma Fedorchuk, Lead Finance Analyst, CDHE
- Sondra Ranum, Director of ECE Workforce Policy, CDHE

- Ms. Ranum provided an overview of this new program, which supports people who do not already meet the minimum requirements to work as an early childhood education teacher. It was funded through ARPA dollars and appropriated to CDHS. The program started this past fall and is open to students enrolled in ECE 101 and ECE 103 (or in comparable courses; a crosswalk was produced to guide institutions). Students do not necessarily need to be enrolled in the early childhood education pathway. CDHE/CDHS will receive the federal funds directly and will distribute to the IHE financial aid offices. Fall students will receive reimbursements.
- d. CDHE Wildly Important Goals and Work-Based Learning Survey (1:30)
 - Beverly Jones, Director of Industry Partnerships, CDHE
 - Michael Vente, Senior Director of Research and Data Governance and Chief Performance Officer, CDHE
 - Mr. Vente shared an update on the Department’s Wildly Important Goals (WIGs). The Department has WIGs in three key areas – affordability, equity, and workforce development – which align with our strategic plan. In 2020, the Department created and distributed a survey to discover how many academic programs have a required work-based learning (WBL) component. Michael reported the Department received a 100% response rate and thanked all Council members for their participation. The Department would like to continue to measure WBL and will be creating and distributing a second survey within the next few weeks. Council members requested their previous survey information be returned to them for review and to assist in responding to the new survey.
- e. Educator Pathway Legislation Update—SB21-185 (1:40)
 - Sam Fogleman, Education Pathways Specialist, CDHE
 - Brittany Lane, Director of Educator Preparation, CDHE
 - Mr. Fogleman provided information regarding educator pathway legislation and the charge to CDHE to develop a pathway that begins in high school and also allows for entry points for adult learners. Historically, there have been two main ways for students to earn teacher licensure in the state of Colorado – traditional and alternative. A working group has met several times to create an innovative pathway that would allow students to have different access points onto the pathway.
- f. Advanced Placement Courses in Development: African American Studies, Precalculus, Anatomy & Physiology, Business Principles (2:10)
 - Suzanne McGurk, Senior Director, Higher Education Policy and Community College Engagement, The College Board
 - Natasha Vasavada, Executive Director, New Course Development, Advanced Placement Program, The College Board
 - College Board guests provided information on four courses in development with a specific focus on a new course in African American studies. The College Board is seeking assurance from state higher education agencies about the availability of college credit for success on the course’s exam, as this will provide an incentive for high schools to begin offering the course. The General Education council will consider the course curriculum and how it aligns with one or more categories in GT Pathways. Institutions have expressed some concern that the course will displace enrollment in their own African American studies courses. Chris Rasmussen suggested that this is an opportunity to engage many more students in African American studies, and that many of these students will want to enroll in additional courses when they get to college.
- g. CCHE and Legislative Update – Kim Poast (2:30)
 - CCHE February meeting summary (Kim, Landon, Danen)
 - Legislative priorities for 2022
 - Improving services for postsecondary students with disabilities

- HB21-1330 Task Force report and potential legislation
- Proposed legislation regarding public sector collective bargaining

4. New, modified, and closed programs

New

Adams State University

- Bachelor of Arts in Public Health

Colorado Mesa University

- Undergraduate Certificate in Manufacturing Technology: Civil Drafting
- Undergraduate Certificate in Manufacturing Technology: Mechanical Drafting

Metropolitan State University of Denver

- Undergraduate Certificate in Business Pathways
- Undergraduate Certificate in Pathway 2 Lactation Consultant Training
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration
- Bachelor of Science in Human Resource Management
- Bachelor of Science in Nutrition Studies

University of Colorado Denver

- Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity
- Master of Public Policy

Modified

None

Closed Programs

None