

Academic Council

November 8, 2022 – 1:00 - 3:00pm
Colorado Department of Higher Education
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Agenda -- **NOTES**

1. Greetings and Introductions

In attendance: Kent Buchanan (ASU); Katherine Eggert (CU Boulder); Kris Greer (FLC); Cher Hendricks (CMU); Roze Hentschell (CSU-SYS); Andrew Herring (CSM); Chad Kinney (CSU-P); Mike Lightner (CU-SYS); AnnMarie Marlier (CSU-G); Nancy Marchand-Martella (UCCS); Nancy Matchett (UNC); Marie Mora (MSU Denver); Beth Myers (CU Denver); Constancio Nakuma (CU Denver); Jan Neger (CSU); Landon Pirius (CCCS); Kathryn Regio (CMC); Scott Reichel (Aims); Alfred Tatum (MSU Denver); Linda Van Doren (EGTC); Rebecca Woulfe (CCCS-FRCC); Jess Young (WCU); Bitsy Cohn (Cohn Solutions Group); Christina Carrillo (CDHE); Peter Fritz (CDHE); Ruthanne Orihuela (CDHE); Kim Poast (CDHE); Chris Rasmussen (CDHE)

2. Approval of October Meeting Notes

[see handout: 2022-10-11- NOTES-AC.pdf]

Dr. Young motioned to approve the notes. Dr. Lightner seconded the motion. No objections – notes approved.

3. Announcements and Discussion Items

a. Updates from CCHE Advisor Landon Pirius

- Dr. Pirius provided a thorough overview of the October 27 CCHE meeting, which was held hybrid in-person/Zoom at the Community College of Aurora. Items of interest included an update on [HB22-1349](#) implementation (Focus on New Measures for Postsecondary and Workforce Success). CCHE is seeking nominations for a chief academic officer to participate in a technical working group that is charged to dive deeper into the methodologies for new measures of success and the necessary data to calculate those measures. Michael Vente, CDHE chief performance officer and senior director of research and data governance, will be leading this work. An email with a link to the nomination form will be sent out after the meeting. Dr. Pirius also noted conversations about budget and fiscal reviews, updates on the revision of the strategic plan, and the Commission's desire to have more expertise on the DHE staff regarding construction projects.
- Dr. Pirius also discussed the approval of the 2023 CCHE meeting calendar. He noted that he will likely be stepping down from the CCHE Advisor role in June and the position will rotate back to a four-year CAO. During the fall, meetings are generally held on Thursdays; during the legislative session and into late spring, meetings are generally held on Fridays to enable legislative advisors to attend. Dr. Pirius also noted there is a two day, in-person retreat at the end of July each year.

b. Updates on the Colorado Re-Engaged (CORE) Initiative—HB21-1330 (Peter Fritz, CDHE)

- Peter Fritz, Director of Student Transitions and Degree Completion Initiatives, provided an update on the CORE initiative – he announced the recipients of the CORE Operational grant:



Colorado State University, Colorado State University – Pueblo, Fort Lewis College, Metropolitan State University of Denver, University of Colorado Colorado Springs, University of Colorado Denver, and University of Northern Colorado. Peter also discussed the implementation timeframe for the upcoming spring and summer.

- c. Credential As You Go Update and RFP for “Retro As You Go” (Bitsy Cohn)
 - Bitsy Cohn and Chris Rasmussen provided an update on the department’s engagement with the “Credential As You Go” grant funded initiative. One of the unique elements of Colorado’s inclusion in the multi-state effort was our proposal for “Retro As You Go”, which is shorthand for retroactive analysis of student transcripts to determine what credentials might be created based on earned credits and the knowledge and competencies developed through completed coursework, even though it falls short of a degree. The department is seeking one or more institutions prototype the work by conducting transcript analyses and developing a draft credentials framework, which could be used proactively in awarding the same credentials as students complete certain clusters of courses (perhaps combined with non-credit experiences) on their way to a degree. Chris followed up later with an RFP to institutions with more information about the project, available funds, and how the funds could be used.
- d. SHEEO/Gardner Institute State Transfer Policy project update
 - Christina Carrillo, Academic Policy Officer and Advocate, provided an update on this equity-based, multi-state initiative. Two surveys – one for students and one for faculty and staff – were launched in September and will run through the week before Thanksgiving. These surveys will provide insight into the lived experiences of transfer students as well as the perspectives of institutional personnel who work with transfer students on both institutional and state level policies and procedures.
- e. Colorado Open Education Resources Request for Proposals (RFP) – 2022-2023 year
 - The Colorado Open Educational Resources Grant RFP for the 2022-2023 year is now live. The OER grant program will fund three types of grants – individual or small group grants, institutional grants, or collaborative or partnership grants – with a total allocation of \$1M for this grant cycle. The deadline for an institution, faculty, or staff to submit a proposal for consideration is Monday, December 19.
- f. Proposed revisions to CCHE Policy Section I, Part V: Creation, Modification or Discontinuance of Academic and Vocational Programs at Public Institutions of Higher Education (Chris Rasmussen, CDHE)
 - Chris Rasmussen noted that there is confusion about the statutory authority of universities to offer certificates and other sub-baccalaureate credentials (other than associate degrees) that are not part of extended studies. CCHE policy on creation and modification of academic programs is also somewhat confusing and appears to provide contradictory directives. To help clarify and provide a consistent message to institutions, CDHE asked the Colorado Office of the Attorney General (COAG) to review statute and CCHE policy and provide guidance. CDHE staff are reviewing that guidance and will bring proposed policy language to a future Academic Council meeting.

g. Proposed meeting schedule for 2023

January 10	July 11
February 14	August 15*
March 14	September 12
April 11	October 10
May 9	November 14
June 13	December 12

*Meeting will be held on the third Tuesday of the month due to Department schedule conflicts
 Calendar invites will be sent out later this month.

4. New, modified, and closed programs

New

Colorado State University

- Graduate Certificate in Aerospace: Satellites, Radars, and Remote Sensing
- Graduate Certificate in Arts Management
- Graduate Certificate in Hydraulic Design

Colorado State University – Global Campus

- Graduate Certificate in Digital Health Technology

Modified

None

Closed Programs

None