



## Academic Council

August 13, 2024 - 1:00-3:00pm  
Colorado Department of Higher Education  
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Agenda -- **NOTES**

### 1. Greetings and Introductions

In attendance: Margaret Doell (ASU); Kris Greer (FLC); Cher Hendricks (CMU); Roze Hentschell (CSU SYS); Andy Herring (CSM); Mike Lightner (CU SYS); Nancy Matchett (UNC); Rick Miranda (CSU SYS); Beth Myers (CU Denver); Constancio Nakuma (CU Denver); Laura Niesen de Abruna (MSU Denver); Dave Oehler (Aims); Kathryn Regjo (CMC); Shaun Schafer (MSU Denver); Audra Spicer (CSU-G); Marion Underwood (CSU); Linda Van Doren (EGTC); Jess Young (WCU); Jessica Maiorca (CWDC); Renise Walker (CWDC); Christina Carrillo (CDHE); Carl Einhaus (CDHE); Allana Farley (CDHE); Peter Fritz (CDHE); Chris Rasmussen (CDHE); Michael Vente (CDHE)

### 2. Approval of July Meeting Notes

[see handout: 2024-07-09 NOTES-AC.pdf]  
Notes approved

### 3. Announcements and Discussion Items

#### a. Introduction of new CSSAAO!

Carl Einhaus introduced himself as the new Chief Student Success & Academic Affairs Officer. Carl moved into this role after serving as the Department's Senior Director of Student Success and P20 Alignment. He provided an overview of his background and answered questions from Council members.

#### b. Updates from CCHE Advisor Michael Lightner



Dr. Lightner provided an in-depth overview of the CCHE Retreat, which was held July 24-26 at Western Colorado University in Gunnison. Dr. Lightner reviewed each day's topics and presentations (e.g., Governor's Office of State Planning and Budget [OSPB] economic forecast; the value of higher education; return on investment [ROI] and the minimum value threshold calculations [MVT]; statewide transfer and SB24-164; and the Office of Educational Equity) and provided insight on potential impact for institutions of higher education.

- c. Colorado FWD and L/Earner Record presentation (Renise Walker, CWDC) Jessica Maiorca, Colorado Workforce Development Council (CWDC), provided an overview of the Colorado FWD program. The focus of the project is to demonstrate the use of learning and employment records to support skills-based practices as a way of improving education and employment outcomes in behavioral health and direct care. The intention is to scale beyond the scope of the initial 18-month project; understanding that credentials will not be eliminated but rather looking at the skills and competencies within the credentials themselves. For those Council members interested in providing feedback or wanting to learn more about the project the slide deck with contact information will be provided after the meeting.
- d. Update on HB22-1349 Implementation and Minimum Value Threshold Calculations  
Michael Vente, Chief Performance Officer and Senior Director of Research and Data Governance, provided an update on work to implement HB22-1349, which directs the Department to collaborate on developing a statewide longitudinal data system for postsecondary education. He also presented on a working group's efforts to develop a framework for calculating "minimum value threshold" with examples of how this might apply to different academic programs.

#### 4. New, modified, and closed programs

New  
None

#### Modified

*University of Colorado Boulder*

- Master of Science in Electrical Engineering changed to Master of Science in Electrical & Computer Engineering
- Master of Science Online in Electrical Engineering changed to Master of Science Online in Electrical & Computer Engineering
- Professional Master of Science in Electrical Engineering changed to Professional Master of Science in Electrical & Computer Engineering



- Master of Engineering in Electrical Engineering changed to Master of Engineering in Electrical & Computer Engineering
- PhD in Electrical Engineering changed to PhD in Electrical & Computer Engineering

**Closed Programs**

*None*

