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Department of
Higher Education

1600 Broadway, Suite 2200
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Meeting	Academic Council September 10, 2024 1:00 – 3:00 pm
Location	Remote ONLY
Conference Room	
Call-In Information	Join Zoom Meeting Meeting ID: 893 7112 8099 Passcode: 234481
Meeting Participants	
Meeting Objectives	

AGENDA

1. Greetings and Introductions

In attendance: Lynette Bates (CCCS-TSC); Margaret Doell (ASU); Katherine Eggert (CU Boulder); Kirsty Flemming (UNC); Kris Greer (FLC); Cher Hendricks (CMU); Andy Herring (CSM); Mike Lightner (CU SYS); Gail Mackin (CSUP); Rick Miranda (CSU SYS); Beth Myers (CU Denver); Constancio Nakuma (CU Denver); Dave Oehler (Aims); Tina Parscal (CCCS); Shaun Schafer (MSU Denver); Marion Underwood (CSU); L. Lynn Vidler (UCCS); Jess Young (WCU); Noah Finklestein (CU Boulder); Brian Stafford (OIT); Christina Carrillo (CDHE); Carl Einhaus (CDHE); Chris Rasmussen (CDHE)

2. Approval of August Meeting Notes

[see handout: 2024-08-13 NOTES-AC.pdf]

Notes approved

3. Announcements and Discussion Items

a. Updates from CCHE Advisor Michael Lightner

Dr. Lightner provided an in-depth review of the September 5 CCHE work session and business meeting, which was held in-person at Emily Griffith Technical College and on Zoom. He informed Council members that the work session included a continued discussion on the minimum value threshold (MVT) calculations that had been started at the July retreat. Dr. Lightner reported that institutional conversations are beginning to take place and that any data that is shared publicly has been de-identified by institution.

He also reported that the business meeting included routine report outs from the Chair, Vice-Chair, standing committees, Commissioners, and Advisors. Dr. Lightner reported that the Student Success & Workforce Alignment (SS&WA) committee will likely follow the work to implement SB24-164 closely this year, as well as work to take a broad view of all postsecondary credentials. The SS&WA committee wants to create a “heat map” this year of what credentials are available to students and research how stackable credentials fit into the landscape.

Dr. Lightner also shared information regarding the discussion agenda item from the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) on the proposed timeline to review the state funding formula one year earlier than was previously scheduled.

- b. Governor's Office of Information Technology - Digital Accessibility Workshop (Brian Stafford, OIT)

Brian Stafford from the Governor’s Office of Information Technology presented on Digital Accessibility. He provided a high-level overview of the relevant legislation that has mandated state agencies to come into compliance with digital accessibility guidelines. Mr. Stafford also provided useful [information](#), guidance, and [resources](#) regarding digital accessibility guidelines.

- c. Holistic evaluation of faculty teaching (Noah Finkelstein, CU Boulder)

Dr. Noah Finkelstein presented on an ongoing collaborative research initiative on holistic evaluations of teaching.

- d. SB24-164 kick-off meeting: October 22 9:00-10:30 am

This will be a town hall style meeting where CDHE staff will share details on the specifics of SB24-164, as well as implementation plans as they stand as of the date of the meeting. Pre-registration is required.

4. New, modified, and closed programs

a. New

- University of Colorado Colorado Springs
 - Bachelor of Arts in Visual Art
 - Master of Arts in Aerospace Engineering
- University of Colorado Denver—Anschutz Medical Campus
 - Master of Science in Immunology and Microbiology
- Western Colorado University
 - Bachelor of Arts in Adult Degree Completion—General Studies

b. Modified

- Colorado School of Mines
 - Graduate Certificate in Finite Element Analysis changed to Graduate Certificate in FEA Professional

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- Fort Lewis College
 - Bachelor of Arts in Studio Art changed to Bachelor of Arts in Art
- c. Closed Programs
 - None

ACTION ITEMS

Issue	Action / Next Step	Assigned To & Date Assigned

