# Colorado Faculty Advisory Council (CFAC)

**November 8, 2024 9:00 am – 12:00 pm**

**Colorado Department of Higher Education**

**Remote Only**

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## CFAC AGENDA -- NOTES

1. GREETINGS (Welcome – Melinda Piket-May and Attendance Christina Carrillo) (9:00 – 9:05 am)

In attendance: Wayne Artis (PPSC); Joel Watson (WCU); Arlene Sgoutas (MSU Denver); Sarah Ward (CNCC); Ellie Camann (RRCC); Erica Henningsen (ACC); Melinda Piket-May (CU Boulder); Christine Noel (CMU); Jess Gagliardi (ASU); Travis Parkhurst (PCC); Kelly O’Dell (CCA); Catlyn Keenan (FRCC); Mendy Smith (CSU); Joe Horan (CSM); Christina Carrillo (CDHE); Stan Gladych (CDHE); Chris Rasmussen (CDHE); Michael Vente (CDHE)

1. ADOPTION OF LAST MEETING’S MINUTES *[See attached: CFAC Meeting Minutes 9.13.24]* (9:05 – 9:10 am)

Jess Gagliardi motioned to approve the notes from September.

Wayne Artis seconded the motion.

No objections were made to the motion – notes approved.

1. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS
   1. CCHE - RECENT ACTIVITY (Melinda Piket-May) (9:10 am – 9:25 am)

Melinda provided an overview of the most recent CCHE meeting, which occurred October 24. She informed faculty members about the discussion regarding the funding formula review plan – a task force has been formed to begin reviewing the funding formula a year before originally scheduled. The Finance, Performance, and Accountability (FPA) standing committee provided recommendations to the Commission regarding the composition of the task force to include a broad representation of institutions, government representatives, and Department representatives.

* 1. GEC - RECENT ACTIVITY (Wayne Artis) (9:25 am – 9:45 am)
     + In need of a new four-year representative for GE Council

Wayne provided an overview of the work the Council is currently engaged in – because of legislation that was passed earlier this year, the Council expanded to include a representative from each of the 31 public institutions of higher education (IHEs), including area technical colleges. An in-person retreat was held on October 21 – 28 IHEs were represented, with 22 people attending in person.

As a result of the Council expansion due to legislation, Department staff informed faculty that while a four-year faculty representative could still be nominated and voted on, they could not technically be listed as a rostered member of the Council on the website. Council meetings are open meetings and interested parties can attend and listen. Ultimately, faculty members decided to choose a new four-year representative to attend Council meetings with Wayne and to report on relevant information. Joe Horan from Colorado School of Mines was selected as the new four-year representative.

Work on the implementation of SB24-164 continues, which will likely continue for the remainder of the year and into the next year. The Department is seeking clarification from the Colorado Office of the Attorney General (COAG) on different aspects of the bill to assist with operationalization.

* 1. COLLEGE REPORTS (All) (9:45 am – 10:30 am)

1. DHE UPDATES (Chris Rasmussen and Christina Carrillo) (10:30 am – 11:50 am)
   1. Minimum Value Threshold – Michael Vente and Stan Gladych (10:30 -11:10)

Michael provided an overview of the conversations and the work that has occurred over the past two years with CCHE, a [HB22-1349 technical working group](https://cdhe.colorado.gov/educators/policy-and-funding/legislative-affairs/postsecondary-student-success-data-system-hb22), and Department staff regarding the minimum value threshold (MVT) calculations that will be used as student success measures. These measures include both postsecondary success and workforce success measures. Faculty members engaged in a robust discussion regarding the purpose of the data and how it will be utilized. Michael informed faculty members that MVT is an iterative process with no “final” report – data is not publicly available and will not be published on a dashboard. IHEs and their governing boards are receiving the data and are engaged in collaborative conversations with Department staff to discuss next steps.

* 1. Reduced Credit bachelor’s degrees - Chris Rasmussen (11:10 – 11:50)

Chris provided an overview of the ongoing conversations that are occurring within the Department with various stakeholder groups, as well as with the Commission, regarding proposed reduced credit bachelor’s degrees - programs that are less than the traditional 120 credit hours. Chris informed faculty members that the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) recently issued guidance for IHEs who are interested in pursuing this opportunity. In Colorado, a statutory change would be required before IHEs could begin offering reduced credit bachelor’s degrees in the state.

Melinda informed faculty members that a group of faculty senate chairs have written a letter in opposition of reduced credit bachelor’s degrees. Faculty members engaged in a brief discussion about the content of the letter and agreed to review the letter with their respective faculty members for feedback before agreeing to sign CFAC as a group to the letter. Melinda will bring the gathered feedback from CFAC members regarding this topic to a future CCHE meeting. Faculty members also discussed potentially writing their own letter regarding this topic.

1. CONTINUED DISCUSSION: (All) (11:50 am – 12:00 pm)
   1. CFAC topics for next meeting

Several topics of consideration for the February meeting include: 1) a continued discussion regarding reduced credit bachelor’s degrees (Jess, Arlene, and Catlyn volunteered to take the lead on a CFAC letter on this topic); 2) potential impacts from the recent elections; 3) general discussion regarding use of AI; 4) how can this group continue to advocate for higher education in the Governor’s budget for next year; and 5) a continued discussion on the implementation on SB24-164.

Melinda will coordinate with Department staff for guest speakers on potential topics of interest, including reduced credit bachelor’s degrees.

1. ADJOURN (12:00 pm)

