**Colorado Faculty Advisory Council (CFAC)**

**September 13, 2024 9:00 am – 12:00 pm**

**1800 N. Grant St., Denver**

**University of Colorado System, First Floor Conference Room**

**Colorado Department of Higher Education**

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**CFAC AGENDA --** NOTES

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

In attendance: Melinda Piket-May (CU Boulder); Ellie Camann (RRCC); Wayne Artis (PPSC); Sarah Ward (CNCC); Kelly O’Dell (CCA); Travis Parkhurst (PCC); Arlene Sgoutas (MSU Denver); Mendy Smith (CSU); Jess Gagliardi (ASU); Cedar Welker (UNC); Jeffrey Reed (OC); Catlyn Keenan (FRCC); Erica Henningsen (ACC); Gisela Bassani (CU Denver); Christine Noel (CMU); Joe Horan (CSM); Casey Clay (Aims); Joel Watson (WCU); Christina Carrillo (CDHE); Crystal Collins (CDHE); Chris Rasmussen (CDHE)

1. ADOPTION OF LAST MEETING’S MINUTES *[See attached: CFAC Meeting Minutes 4.12.24]* (9:05 – 9:10 am)

Notes approved

1. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS
	1. CCHE - RECENT ACTIVITY (Melinda Piket-May) (9:10 am – 9:30 am)

Melinda provided an overview of the CCHE Retreat that occurred at the end of July – she highlighted the minimum value threshold (MVT) calculation conversations that have been a priority since the retreat. Melinda informed members that there have been concerns expressed by the institutions about how the data from the MVT calculations will be used, particularly how the data will be used by CCHE.

* 1. GEC - RECENT ACTIVITY (Wayne Artis) (9:30 am – 9:50 am)

Wayne provided an overview of three main initiatives that the General Education (GE) Council continues to work on: 1) [SB24 164: Institution of Higher Education Transparency Requirements](https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/sb24-164), which charged the Department to expand the GE Council to include a representative from each institution (the GEC will be holding an in-person retreat on October 21); 2) continue work on revising statewide transfer articulation agreements; and 3) convening the two- and four-year world languages faculty to look at ways to help reverse downward trends in enrollment, including possible changes to GT Pathways to allow earlier qualification for GT-AH4 credit.

* + - In need of a new four-year representative for GE Council

Melinda and Wayne informed members that Vivian Shyu had to step away from her CFAC role prior to the beginning of the fall term due to a change in her duties at CU Denver. As a result, a new four-year faculty representative is needed for GE Council. However, DHE staff informed members that due to recent legislation (SB24-164) in which the Department was charged with expanding the GE Council, a four-year faculty representative may be considered duplicative. DHE will seek further clarification from the Colorado Attorney General’s Office regarding “equal representation” before CFAC decides on a new four-year representative. Arlene Sgoutas (MSU Denver) expressed interest should a four-year faculty CFAC representative be needed.

* 1. COLLEGE REPORTS (All) (9:50 am – 10:30 am)
1. DHE UPDATES (Chris Rasmussen and Christina Carrillo) (10:30 am – 11:00 am)

Chris introduced Crystal Collins, Chief Financial Officer (CFO) for CDHE. Crystal provided an overview and summary of the funding allocation formula presentation that she provided at the CCHE summer retreat.

Christina provided an overview of the main stakeholder groups the CDHE convenes, including Academic Council (i.e., Provosts/Chief Academic Officers); Data Advisory Group (i.e., institutional researchers); Registrar Council; academic advisors; financial aid advisors; campus presidents; and more.

Chris provided a brief legislative update on SB24-164 as well as [SB24-143 Credential Quality Apprenticeship Classification](https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/sb24-143) and and recent guidance from the Higher Learning Commission to allow for reduced-credit bachelor's degrees (not necessarily 90-credits, but anything between 90 and 119 credits.

1. CONTINUED DISCUSSION: CFAC goals for the upcoming year (All) (11:00 am – 12:00 pm)

The group engaged in discussion on the following items:

* 1. What is the role of CFAC?
	2. Expectations
	3. How to be effective as a group in advocating for our students

(On this item, members expressed interest in quality control for concurrent enrollment courses and adapting to AI as faculty members.)

1. ADJOURN (12:00 pm)

