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| **Meeting** | **CCHE Standing Committee on Student Success & Workforce Alignment**  **October 18, 2021**  **1:00 - 3:00 p.m.** | |
| Location | Remote only – Zoom Meeting |
| Call-In Information | <https://highered-colorado-gov.zoom.us/j/87207480104?pwd=dG5QZXl0Qk1hVy9xMkFqM05SRkNuZz09>  Meeting ID: 872 0748 0104  Passcode: 659613 |
| Meeting Participants | CCHE SS&AA Standing Committee |
| Meeting Objectives | Discuss student success and academic affairs topics in Colorado to advance practices and policies |

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| **ATTENDANCE** | | | | | | | |
| **Commissioners & Advisors** | | | | | | | |
| Chair Berrick Abramson | x | Eric Tucker | X | Josh Scott | X | Sarah Hughes | x |
| Steven Trujillo | x | Mark Cavanaugh |  | Jim Wilson | x | Aaron Harbor |  |
| Landon Pirius | X | Ana Cristina Temu |  | Vanecia Kerr | X | Steve Meyer | x |
| **CDHE Staff** | | | | | | | |
| Kim Poast | X | Carl Einhaus | X | Chris Rasmussen |  | Christina Carrillo |  |
| Heather DeLange | X | Brittany Lane |  | Cynthia Armendariz | X | Lauren Gilliland | X |
| Sam Fogleman | X | Beverly Jones | X | Peter Fritz | X | Jack Wolflink | x |
| **Guests** | | | | | | | |
| Misti Ruthven |  | Matt Gianeschi | X | June Silva | X | Roberto Montoya | X |
| Laura Egger | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**AGENDA**

1:00 p.m. Greetings and Introductions

*Chair Abramson, CCHE*

1:05 p.m. Approve notes from August meeting

*Chair Abramson, CCHE*

*Approved.*

1:10 p.m. Compelling discussion on informational items

* Recommend Approval of Proposed CCHE Innovation Policy Pilot Program by Colorado Community College System Institutions and Colorado Mountain College to Award Financial Aid to Concurrent Enrollment Students (MOU-CCCS-CMC attachment)

*Dr. Chris Rasmussen & Lauren Gilliland, CDHE*

*Landon Pirius,* Vice Chancellor for Academic & Student Affairs, *CCCS*

*Dr. Matt Gianneschi, Chief Operating Officer & Chief of Staff, CMC*

*Lauren provided overview of proposed MOU innovation pilot. CCCS is implementing with 2 of their colleges. Commissioner Scott asked how the colleges are making sure that this initiative will not unintentionally impact regularly admitted students as it is one pot of money. Advisor Pirius shared that some aid is returned by students so can re-allocate to the CE students. Dr. Gianneschi shared they will pilot with specific targeted schools with populations they want to reach most and that need most supports. Also, if have to backfill to make sure regular enrolled students get proper aid, will lean on their Foundation’s assistance for financial supports. Advisor Pirius shared: the districts we partner with will identify the students for us. Since we have a max amount of aid that can be used per college (up to 3%), that will ultimately determine how many students can be served. I believe the districts will identify students by free and reduced lunch status.*

* CORE Initiative Update & Introducing Peter Fritz, Director of Student Transitions and Degree Completion Initiatives (see [CORE Initiative link](https://cdhe.colorado.gov/sites/highered/files/CORE%20Initiative%20Fact%20Sheet.pdf))

*Carl Einhaus, CDHE*

*Peter, Chris and Carl presented at the Academic Council last week on the CORE initiative, and as well hosted Tom K from HLC to present on applying for a substantive change process as a group to make it more efficient and faster turn-around.*

* FYI only: Degree Authorization topics on CCHE Business Meeting Agenda (three attachments - Agenda Item II A & B)

*Heather Delange, CDHE*

*No explanation need.*

* Proposed Revisions to CCHE Policy Section I, Part X: Prior Learning Assessment, to Comply with HB20-1002 (A Plan to Award Transferrable College Credit for Work-Related Experience) (three attachments – **Agenda IV A**)

[Link to Presentation on October 13, 2021](https://csuglobal.zoom.us/rec/play/kN-bco7ze7WhBYKZZN8shD2VTz80MWeWezy849t3nNK5wJbKoxBJQ1C7wyrar6XruR3nQV4FUfOITJ8o.TTSgRBG-Rq-pacO-?startTime=1634135648000)

*Dr. Chris Rasmussen, CDHE*

*Provided overview of special meeting Chris hosted last week. Key questions for Commissioners to consider in this work:*

*• How do we rapidly scale this work and bring maximum benefit to students?• If we weren’t bound by statute, what would we do to advance this work, or related efforts?• What are the next two or three things that might follow work from this, or be pursued simultaneously?*

*• How can the Commission help to advance the work – including actual process of awarding credit?*

*• How do IHEs benefit from awarding this credit?*

*• What (work/programs) do we prioritize?*

*• Will IHEs lose revenue from students if awarding credits? Chris shared that in short term, yes, revenue for the course(s) will be lost, but the student is more likely to re-enroll and graduate thus creating more revenue for the IHE.*

1:50 p.m. Discussion items

* Soliciting themes from Commissioners for future conversations on topics of interest

*Chair Abramson, CCHE*

*Made an appeal to Commissioners for future topics.*

*Advisor Wilson asked how can help with the undercurrent of radical change in higher ed and prevent the “status quo” from taking hold. How to serve the needs of students.*

*Would like to hear from students regarding taking credential to workforce.*

*How we can help those with credits and no credential – anything else we can be doing?*

*How can we be more transparent – and to bring the story together – and how well we do in higher ed even though we are underfunded.*

*Let’s be more pro-active – less reactive. Include additional goals in master plan and how to work backward to make it happen.*

*Chair Abramson will follow up with committee for additional ideas.*

**2:10 p.m.** **Ongoing agenda item:** Update on student success initiatives centered on equity in DHE (COSI, GEAR UP, funding, etc.)

* COSI update on [Finish What You Started/HB21-1330](https://highered.colorado.gov/higher-education-student-success-legislation-hb21-1330-authorizes-federal-american-rescue-plan) work (see link – no attachment)

*Dr. Cynthia Armendariz, CDHE*

*Cynthia provided an updated regarding the initiative. Many IHEs have already submitted their intent forms to receive funding to re-engage adult stop-outs.*

**2:30 p.m.** **Equity and Statute:**

* Definition of “Equity” conversation at December 2nd CCHE Working Session

Next meeting date: Monday, ~~November 22~~, 2021

Rescheduled for November 15, 2021

**ACTION ITEMS**

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