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| **Meeting** | **CCHE Standing Committee on Student Success & Workforce Alignment****Monday, March 27, 2023****1:00 - 3:00 p.m.** |
| Location | Remote only |
| Zoom Information | <https://highered-colorado-gov.zoom.us/j/85777211432?pwd=ZVpuZExUUEJGd0VWL2pWSzI0N0U2UT09>Meeting ID: 857 7721 1432 Passcode: 275942 |
| Meeting Participants | CCHE SS&AA Standing Committee |
| Meeting Objectives | Discuss student success and academic affairs topics in Colorado to advance practices and policies |

**A = in attendance, E = excused absence, N = not in attendance**

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| **ATTENDANCE** |
| **Commissioners & Advisors** |
| Chair Berrick Abramson | A | Eric Tucker | N | Josh Scott | N | Sarah Hughes | A |
| Colleen O’Neil | A | Mark Cavanaugh | N | Jim Wilson | A | Aaron Harber | A |
| Landon Pirius | A | Ana Cristina Temu | N | Melinda Piket-May | A | Jennifer Walmer | A |
| Lisandra Gonzales | A | Michelle Romero | N |  |  |  |  |
| **CDHE Staff** |
| Kim Poast | E | Carl Einhaus | A | Chris Rasmussen | E | Christina Carrillo | A |
| Heather DeLange | A | Sam Fogleman | A | Cynthia Armendariz |  | Roberto Montoya |  |
| Ruthanne Orihuela | E | Beverly Jones | A | Peter Fritz |  | Renee Welch |  |
| **Guests** |
| Misti Ruthven | A | Ryan Allred | A | Vaughn Toland | A | Jack Wolflink |  |
| Katie Zaback | A | Erika Pepmeyer | A | Christine Staberg |  | Allana Farley | A |

**AGENDA**

1:00 p.m. Greetings and Introductions

 *Berrick Abramson, Committee Chair*

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

 *Berrick Abramson, Committee Chair*

Commissioner Harber motioned to approve. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. No objections – notes approved.

1:10 p.m. Strategy discussion/[1330 recommendations](https://highered.colorado.gov/Publications/Reports/Legislative/1330/2021_SSWR_Task_Force_Report.pdf)

* Strategic focus for committee for the academic year: proposed direction based on last meeting’s discussion

*Berrick Abramson, Committee Chair*

* Presentation on strategic topic: *improvements to transfer and course credit awarding in Colorado including stackable credentials*

Where were the rubs from the IHEs (etc) in doing this work and where can CCHE assist with them

Quality of counseling varies across IHEs – critical point – if we can improve systemically it will go a long way

And WHERE does STAFF want to go next - -and how can we help with barriers to getting there. . .

would love to see CO find a way to lead in figuring out how to increase accessibility and equity wrt Student Support/Advising.

\*\*\*Christina and Chris share transfer survey data

Any way to audit if students got credit transfer? Carl will discuss with them to present at a future meeting.

Do an inventory of reports – to determine if any are not necessary anymore? So we can prioritize reports (like transfer efficacy)

2:00 p.m. Compelling discussion on informational items

* Approval of Proposed Revisions to CCHE Policy I, Part F: Transfer Admission Standards Policy (Business Meeting Action Item) - Attachment: SECTION I – Part F – Proposed Changes 3.3.23

*Carl Einhaus, Senior Director of Student Success & P20 Alignment*

Carl provided an overview of an agenda item that will appear before the Commission in April – staff is recommending approval of proposed revisions to the transfer admission standards policy. The Admissions policy is divided into two sections: 1.) for first time freshmen and 2.) for transfer students. The current policy for transfer students directs institutions to utilize cumulative grade point average (GPA) from all previous college-level coursework, 24 or more college-level semester credit hours completed, and successful completion of basic skills courses. The statewide Admissions Council proposed to remove the primary focus of college GPA for transfer student admission and instead communicate a more holistic approach – each IHE would be expected to establish transfer admission standards. What would they be looking at?

* Educator Preparation Authorization Consolidation Legislation – no attachment

*Kim Poast, Chief Student Success & Academic Affairs Officer*

Chair Abramson presented on [SB23-258](https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/sb23-258) for Kim. The bill consolidates the review and approval process for educator preparation programs under the department of education and the state board of education. This action aligns the EPP authorization process with other programs that are designed to lead to licensure, such as nursing, law, etc. The department of higher education retains the authority to ensure that programs adhere to statutory role and mission, credit limits, transfer, etc., and will continue to be involved with the reauthorization and authorization processes. The department is supportive of this realignment of roles and responsibilities.

* Approval of Initial Educator Preparation Programs at Emporia State University – no attachment

*Sam Fogleman, Interim Director of Educator Preparation Pathways*

Sam provided an overview of an agenda item that will appear before the Commission in April – staff is recommending approval of an added endorsement of teacher librarian from Emporia State University. Students in Colorado who take this online program through Emporia State University can then be licensed as school librarians in Colorado. Emporia State University, which is in Kansas, no longer has a physical presence in Colorado but is authorized under the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) to offer online programs in Colorado. Commissioner Harber motioned to move this agenda item to Consent. Commissioner Hughes seconded. No objections – motion approved.

* Approval of Initial Educator Preparation Programs at Colorado School of Mines – no attachment

*Sam Fogleman, Interim Director of Educator Preparation Pathways*

Sam provided an overview of an agenda item that will appear before the Commission in April – staff is recommending approval of initial educator preparation programs in science and mathematics at Colorado School of Mines. Staff at Mines worked diligently to develop a strong program – candidates are strong in their content areas, have varied field experiences, are aligned with both national and state standards, and are robust at gathering data. These programs have already been approved by the State Board of Education (SBE) at its March meeting.

* + Degree Authorization – Recommendation of the Approval for Renewal of Authorization - Liberty University – Attachment: Agenda Item II D DAA – Auth Renewal Liberty University

*Heather DeLange, Director Office of Private Postsecondary Education*

Heather provided an overview of an agenda item that will appear before the Commission in April – staff is recommending the renewal of authorization for Liberty University. Liberty University is an online institution, does not have a physical presence in Colorado and is authorized under SARA. A small number of students who live in Colorado will be seeking field experience for their B.S. in Aeronautics program, which includes Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) approved flight training. Commissioner Harber motioned to move this agenda item to Consent. Commissioner Hughes seconded. No objections – motion approved.

Next meeting date: April 24, 2023

**ACTION ITEMS**

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