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Department of
Higher Education

1600 Broadway, Suite 2200
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Meeting	Academic Council June 10, 2025 1:00 – 3:00 pm
Location	Remote ONLY
Call-In Information	Join Zoom Meeting Meeting ID: 881 2855 7948 Passcode: 811370
Meeting Participants	Provosts and Chief Academic Officers (CAOs) of the public institutions of higher education
Meeting Objectives	Members advise the Department on policy development and implementation, as well as other matters affecting higher education.

AGENDA -- NOTES

1. Greetings and Introductions

In attendance: Helen Caprioglio (CSUP); Kirsty Fleming (UNC); Kris Greer (FLC); Roze Hentschell (CSU-SYS); Mark Kavanaugh (CU Boulder); Mike Lightner (CU-SYS); Matt Makley (MSU Denver); Kim Miloch (CSU); Beth Myers (CU Denver); Kathryn Regjo (CMC); Audra Spicer (CSUG); Susan Taylor (UCCS); Linda Van Doren (EGTC); Rebecca Woulfe (CCCS-FRCC); Kyle Gruenhagen; Christina Carrillo (CDHE); Liliana Diaz Solodukhin (CDHE); Carl Einhaus (CDHE); Brad Griffith (CDHE)

2. Approval of May Meeting Notes

[see handout: 2025-05-13 NOTES-AC.pdf]

Notes approved

3. Announcements and Discussion Items

a. [HB25-1038 Postsecondary Credit Transfer Website](#) updates

Christina provided an update on the statewide credit transfer website. She informed Council members that the bill was signed administratively by Gov. Polis last week. As a reminder, the bill charges the Department with developing, implementing, managing and maintaining a free, publicly accessible online database to provide current and

potential students pursuing postsecondary education in Colorado with relevant information to assist them in understanding which credits and courses, work-related experiences, and prior learning opportunities, as awarded postsecondary academic credit, are transferrable to or between state institutions of higher education. She informed Council members that this project is being completed in phases, the first of which began in late March.

The Department is working with a vendor partner in this first phase to move all its current and existing data that is housed on static PDF documents (e.g., AP/IB/DSST credit-by-exam tables; STAA documents; and GT Pathways database) into a more interactive format. Christina provided screenshots of designs from the vendor of what these interactive pages will feature.

b. 2025 AP Reading Tour and updates

Brad provided an overview of a recent trip he and Carl took to Salt Lake City, Utah for an Advanced Placement (AP) Reading tour. He and Carl were able to observe the real-time grading of several AP subjects' final exams, such as 2D and 3D Art and Design and Government and Politics. He also briefly discussed two new courses that AP will be piloting this academic year, Cybersecurity and Networking and Business Principles/Personal Finance. Brad also mentioned that several Colorado high schools will be participating in the pilot – College Board will be working with the Department and/or individual institutions to determine course equivalencies and credit awards.

- [See handout: 2024 AP State Cohort Report.pdf]
- [See handout: 2024 AP Summary of Scores for Colorado.pdf]
- New offerings:
 - [AP Career Kickstart Pilot](#) for fall 2025
 - a. [AP Cybersecurity and Networking](#)
 - b. [AP Business Principles/Personal Finance](#)

c. COF requests for selected “off campus” undergraduate programs for FY26

Brad and Carl informed Council members that they are aware that select extended studies programs can apply for a portion of COF that is applied to the institution; however, they are still reviewing the process for institutional proposals as they are both relatively new to their respective positions. They will provide additional information to institutions once available.

d. Updates from CCHE Advisor Michael Lightner

Dr. Lightner provided an overview of the CCHE meeting that occurred on June 5 – he informed Council members the work session prior to the business meeting focused on the new Executive Order (EO) that was recently signed by Governor Polis to further strengthen Colorado’s postsecondary and workforce development ecosystem. He

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highlighted the various reports during the business meeting, including the Student Success & Workforce Alignment Committee, which met on June 2 – Commissioner Abramson shared about the panel discussion on the challenges of “ghost students.” Dr. Lightner also shared that one of the discussion items this month was a panel of institutional presidents, sharing their achievements/successes and the various challenges that each of their IHEs are facing and how Commissioners can support them.

4. New, modified, and closed programs

a. New

- Adams State University
 - Undergraduate Certificate in Professional Communication
 - Graduate Certificate in Business Administration
- Colorado State University
 - Master of Music Therapy (Plan B)

b. Modified

- Adams State University
 - Graduate Certificate in Adams State Health Care Administration changed to Graduate Certificate in Health Care Administration

c. Closed Programs

- Adams State University
 - Master of Arts in Higher Education Administration and Leadership
 - Graduate Certificate in Executive Leadership in Higher Education Administration and Leadership

ACTION ITEMS

Issue	Action / Next Step	Assigned To & Date Assigned

