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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Regents

FROM: Associate Vice President Kathleen Bollard

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Issue: New Program Enrollments

Brief: The charts below provide projected and actual enrollment figures for new degree programs approved by the board since 2005. Shown are the fifth-year enrollment projections, which in most cases reflect full implementation, and the projected and actual enrollments for fall 2009. The programs which have been discontinued since 2005 are also shown.

Background: In the past, the CCHE had tracked information on new program enrollments, comparing them to the projections institutions had submitted in their degree proposals. The Commission had, however, discontinued that practice in recent years, and the revisions to Title 23 in 2008 formally eliminated that responsibility. In a meeting on November 4, 2009, the Chancellors and Provosts met with President Benson and system staff to discuss academic issues, including those related to new degree proposals. It was agreed that campuses would provide an annual report on new program enrollments to the board as a follow-up accountability measure. This is the first of those reports.

Issues for Consideration:

- Since the revenue projections included in Table 3 in program proposals are usually dependent on enrollment, an annual enrollment update should demonstrate whether a program is meeting its revenue goals. However, grant funding also can play a significant role in program success. If the board would like to receive that information, the Academic Affairs Office will work with the provosts and senior research officers to develop a means of reporting grant revenue for new programs, where relevant.
- Almost all programs have met, or nearly met, enrollment projections, and some have far exceeded the projections not only for 2009, but also for full implementation. Since first-year enrollment is in many cases dependent on issues such as approval timing and marketing, programs approved in 2008 may not always meet first-year projections; however, historical records show that programs will usually catch up in the second year.
- In new degree proposals, campuses project enrollment figures over five years, but programs may not begin in the same calendar year in which they are approved. For the purposes of this document, projections apply beginning with the fall semester of the calendar year following approval. The only program that began later was the DrPH at AMC, which delayed implementation by 6 months. This still falls within CCHE guidelines, which allow two years following approval for program implementation.

University of Colorado New Programs 2005-2009/10

Source: Projections are from the original degree proposals submitted to the Board of Regents and actual enrollment from the Campus Offices of Institutional Research.

Actual Enrollment F '09: Fall census headcounts of declared majors.

University of Colorado at Boulder (5)

Year Approved	Program	Projected 5 th year Enrollment	Projected Enrollment for 2009	Actual Enrollment (F '09)
2005	AuD (Doctor of Audiology)	24	24	27
2006	MFA Creative Writing	36	36	32
2006	BS Chemical and Biological Engineering	125	102	188
2006	PhD Technology, Media and Society	9	7	7
2007	PhD Biochemistry	63	25	57

University of Colorado at Colorado Springs (8)

Year Approved	Program	Projected 5 th year Enrollment	Projected Enrollment for 2009	Actual Enrollment (F '09)
2006	BA Criminal Justice	220	97	126
2006	DNP (Doctor of Nursing Practice)	30	30	28
2006	PhD Educational Leadership	45	45	43
2006	BI (Bachelor of Innovation) Family of Degrees*	150	95	86
2008	BS Biology	524	415	450
2008	BA Women's and Ethnic Studies	57	20	14
2008	MA Leadership in Education	125	45	60
2009	PhD Applied Sciences**	14	NA	NA

* Includes Business Administration, Computer Science and Security, Computer Science, Electrical Engineering, and Game Design & Development.

**While tracking for the PhD in Applied Sciences does not begin until F2010, 6 students have already enrolled in the program.

University of Colorado Denver (7)

Year Approved	Program	Projected 5 th year Enrollment	Projected Enrollment for 2009	Actual Enrollment (F '09)
2005	BA International Studies	52	40	171
2005	MA Spanish	26	26	27
2007	BA Criminal Justice	169	74	154
2007	PhD Clinical Health Psychology	25	10	9
2008	MS Decision Sciences	17	5	3
2008	MS Global Energy Management	96	32	57
2009	EdD Leadership for Educational Equity*	80	NA	NA

* While tracking for the EdD in Leadership for Educational Equity does not begin until F2010, 9 students have already enrolled in the program.

Anschutz Medical Campus (3)

Year Approved	Program	Projected 5th year Enrollment	Projected Enrollment for 2009	Actual Enrollment (F '09)
2005	MS Clinical Science	41	41	14
2008	DrPH (Doctor of Public Health)*	19	NA	NA
2009	MS Epidemiology	12.5	NA	NA

* Delayed by 6 months.

University of Colorado Discontinued Programs 2005-2009/10

Anschutz Medical Campus (2)*

Year	Program
2006	MS Medical Physics
2009	BS Dental Hygiene

*Other campuses did not discontinue programs during this time period.