

Meeting the Community College Mission While Adding Bachelor's Degrees

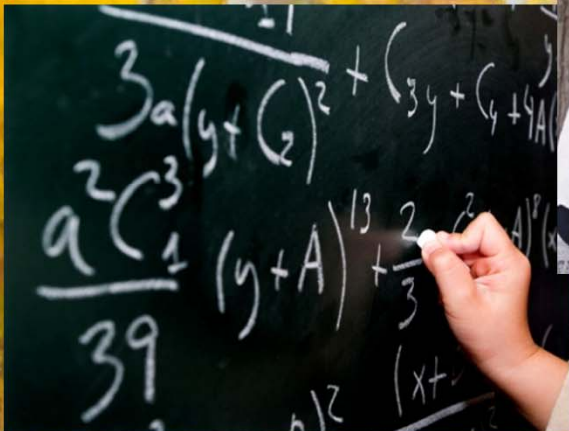
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Background & Rationale

- **The “Charge”**
- **The Need**
- **The First Degrees: BSBA & BASS**



Plan for Bachelor's Degree Development & Implementation



➤ **Accreditation**

➤ **Quality Team**

➤ **16 One College Teams e.g. New
Program Development, Student
Support, Fiscal Impact, Facilities,
Marketing & Recruiting, etc.**

Dry Runs

- Accreditation Liaison-1st Visit in March, 2010
- Accreditation Liaison-2nd Visit in September, 2010 & 16 One College Team presentations
- Presentation by 16 One College Teams to the College Leadership Team in December, 2010
- A “Practice Visit” in early February, 2011



Bachelor's Approvals

A chef in a white coat and black hat with "Colorado Mountain College" and "Kersting" on it, working in a kitchen. The chef is wearing white gloves and is focused on plating a dish. The background is a blurred kitchen environment with various cooking equipment and ingredients.

- **CMC Board Resolutions passed in November, 2009 & December, 2010**
- **Governor Bill Ritter signed SB 10-101 authorizing CMC's bachelor's degrees in May, 2010**
- **The HLC Substantive Change Requests and CDHE New Program requests submitted in December, 2010**
- **HLC Team Visit in late February, 2011**

The “Real” Visit

- **Planning for the HLC Team Visit**
- **Needs of the Visit Team**
- **Most of the 16 One College Teams presented, along with the showing of a video about CMC**



The HLC Visit Team Report & Recommendations

- During the visit, the HLC Team recommended we not create obstacles for students by making them complete an Associate's degree prior to allowing them to take upper level classes
- The HLC Team reported that we were prepared and committed to creating and sustaining these bachelor's degrees
- They recommended we get approval for our first bachelor's degrees





The Bachelor's Roll-Out

- **Timing “getting the word out” e.g. press releases, advertising**
- **Planning every detail of the roll-out e.g. admissions process, course development, financial aid, advising, hiring of faculty & staff, etc.**
- **Implementation by fall 2011**

The First Year of Implementation-So Far

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- Positive feedback from students, faculty & staff
 - BA AQIP Project
 - Recommendations for Improvement

Looking to the Future

- Bachelor of Applied Science, Teacher Education & Nursing degrees
- CMC's "First Choice" Vision



Discussion?

Questions?

