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Wyoming Community College Commission proposes changes to agency regular rules - Public Comment open until May 7, 2020

Cheyenne, March 25, 2020 - The Wyoming Community College Commission (WCCC) is seeking public comment on proposed changes and amendments to the agency's regular rules. The changes will be open for public comment through May 7, 2020. The current and proposed rules are available for review at <https://rules.wyo.gov/Search.aspx?mode=2> under the Community College Commission drop-down menu. Confidential responses can be sent to Rules@wyo.gov.

The proposed rules are introduced in response to the 2019 Wyo. Sess. Laws 504-11, Wyoming Works Program implementation and legislative directive Wyo. Sess. Laws 589-92, Bachelors of Applied Science Programs (BAS). WCCC unanimously proposed regular rules during its February 13, 2020 meeting. The emergency rules are in place in order to implement both the Wyoming Works program and authorize Wyoming's community colleges to pursue adding BAS programs. Here is a summary of the proposed regular rules:

Chapter 1

- BAS degree clarification regarding program lengths, emphasis, and technical focus.
- Wyoming Works definitions were added to facilitate program administration, including non-credit programs, student enrollment, consortium agreements, satisfactory academic progress, and financial aid.
- Capital Renewal definition addition to align with Wyoming statute.

Chapter 5

- Increases the portion of variable cost funding subject to allocation, based on the approved metrics.
- Details the Wyoming Works student program application and admission, grant and financial aid eligibility, satisfactory academic progress criteria, transference of academic credits.
- Details the Wyoming Works programmatic funding application process, scoring criteria, awarding and audit requirements.

Chapter 6

- Includes the elimination of pilot programs and rewording of stackable certificate programs.
- Offers WCCC authority to review proposed Wyoming Works and BAS degree programs and how they align with institutional accreditation, service area workforce needs, and whether they have academic integrity, and financial sustainability.

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