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MEMORANDUM

November 21, 2024

Student Resource Cultural Center Approval

[Board of Higher Education Policy R131-5](#) requires USHE institutions “seek Board review of an existing [student resource or cultural] center, and Board approval of a proposed [student resource or cultural] center.” In order for a student resource or cultural center to be approved by the Board, it:¹

- Must be focused on cultural education, celebration, engagement, and awareness;
- Must be designed to provide opportunities for all students to learn with and from one another; and
- Cannot influence student participation in programs or promote differential treatment of students based on personal identity characteristics.

In compliance with this policy, institutions request approval for the following student resource or cultural centers:

University of Utah

- **Center for Community and Cultural Engagement (CCE):** The CCE is designed to serve a variety of cultures, populations, and groups and aims for all students to have the opportunity to explore, cultivate, and access cultural education that will best support overall well-being and success. These groups include, but are not limited to, the identities affiliated with the former centers.
- **Center for Student Access and Resources (CSAR):** CSAR supports student success and well-being by centralizing resources that were provided through former identity centers to emphasize that assistance is available for all students while also managing privately funded scholarship cohort programs. It was intentionally created as distinct and organizationally separate from CCE that leads cultural engagement and awareness work. CSAR empowers students to succeed through scholarship opportunities, personalized one-on-one support, skill-building workshops, and support navigating higher education systems.

¹ Board of Higher Education Policy R131-4
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Utah State University

- **Center for Community (CFC):** The proposed CFC will support Utah State University's commitment to excellence, access, and respect for all as a premier land grant, R1 university. The proposed center will provide opportunities for cultural sharing, education, and celebration for USU students and personnel. It will also serve as a bridge between the varied expertise and experience of the USU community and the broader communities USU serves, ensuring programs and activities support Utah State's land grant mission, including educational outreach.

Southern Utah University

- **Helen Foster Snow Cultural Center:** The aim of the Helen Foster Snow Culture Center is to provide our region with opportunities to learn Chinese, promote citizen-to-citizen diplomacy, and provide cultural outreach opportunities for the region.

Utah Valley University

- **Center for Intercultural Engagement (CIE):** The CIE provides engagement opportunities for all students to learn about the many cultures represented in the UVU community. All programming is designed to increase cultural understanding, increase students' sense of belonging, and build a strong community.

Commissioner's Recommendation

The Office of the Commissioner has reviewed institution student resource or cultural centers for compliance with R131-4, and the Commissioner recommends that the Board approve the student resource or cultural centers cited in this memo.

Attachments

Attachment 1 – University of Utah - CCE and CSAR

Attachment 2 – Utah State University - Center for Community

Attachment 3 – Southern Utah University - Helen Foster Snow Cultural Center

Attachment 4 – Utah Valley University - Center for Intercultural Engagement