

GE Council

June 13, 2011

1:00-4:00pm

Department of Higher Education

1560 Broadway – Suite 1600

Denver, CO

Minutes

- **Greetings and Introductions**

In person:

Erin Frew – CSU-P

Alan Lamborn – CSU-FC

Vick Leal – CU System

Gus Greivel – CSM

Scott Thompson – CCCS

John Lanning – UCD

Kevin Nelson – WSC

Steve Roderick – FLC

Geri Anderson – CCCS

Sheila Thompson – MSCD

Cheryl Lovell – DHE

Maia Blom – DHE

On the phone:

Tom Smith – UNC

Sunny Schmitt – CMC

Frank Novotny – ASC

Guest

Wayne Artis – CFAC/PPCC

- **Informational Items:**

- a. Adoption of last month's minutes

Amendment requested on p.4 regarding the Biology and Chemistry draft agreements: The Biology and Chemistry agreements have been put "on hold" in order to continue discussions regarding online labs for the BIO 111/112, CHE 111/112, and PHY 111/112 sequences.

- b. Protocol has been posted on website

- c. Transfer articulation website – updates/visual appeal; gtPathways database

A gtPathways database has been created in order to track the courses that have

been offered for participation in gtPathways, and as a means of tracking the history of the courses. Request was made to have the “effective date” column be a range; thereby, identifying “end” dates as well as effective dates.

- d. CCNE Faculty to Faculty re possible articulation agreement among Colorado Nursing Schools (community colleges and BSN programs) –October 13, 2011. The CCNE Fac-to-Fac articulation agreement discussions will be part of the CCNE’s all-day annual conference. Cheryl Lovell is waiting to hear when during the day they plan to discuss articulation agreements. One to two GEC reps should participate in these discussions. There will be ca. 65 people participating – both faculty and deans. Cheryl has already had a three-hour conversation with the nursing deans as to what transfer articulation is, the articulation agreement process, etc. The deans now want the faculty to be involved. GEC feels that DHE/GEC should be hosting these discussions. Cheryl foresees another F2F in the spring to discuss a nursing articulation agreement.
- e. GE Council composition discussed. Representation on the Council is being discussed and considered by the Lt. Governor and Matt Gianneschi.
- f. It was decided that GEC should be cc’d on all emails going out to individual discipline groups.

- **Discussion/Action Items:**

- a. Electives language discussion; see Alan Lamborn’s 5/18/11 email (forwarded to GEC by M. Blom).

The following language was adopted by the Council and will be added to the “Limitations” section of the articulation agreement template:

All the courses a student needs to take in the discipline covered by this Articulation Agreement are listed in the Prescribed Curriculum. **Any additional courses taken in the discipline covered by this Agreement may not count toward the requirements of the major at the receiving institution.** Students can avoid this problem by either taking no more courses in the discipline than the ones identified in the Prescribed Curriculum or by consulting first with the receiving institution to assure that any additional courses they take in the discipline will count toward the major.

The following language was adopted by the Council and will be added to the “Prescribed Curriculum” section of the articulation agreement template:

Please note: Additional [XXX] courses beyond the [#] courses ([xx credit hours]) identified above may not count toward the [xxxxxx] major at the receiving 4-year institution. See explanation in Limitations section.

Cheryl will find out how to get the new electives language into the seven agreements that have already been finalized.

b. Articulation Agreements Status Update Matrix

i. Status of **Phase 2, ICIR, V.2** agreements

- Sociology –electives language needs to be added.
Maia Blom will add new electives language and will send to GEC for the Final Review on campuses. Now in **Phase 3**. Deadline for Final Review: September 7, 2011.
- Political Science – ASC, CSU-P, FLC, MSC approve the agreement. MSC had some questions regarding adding some courses to the “Additional Required Courses” section (foreign language and applied sciences), but not including them would not be a “show stopper” for MSC. See Werman email, dated 4/22/11. Electives language needs to be added.
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- Anthropology – agreement has been re-circulated to ANT discipline group for discussion of the one-credit lab issue. Richard Nishikawa (4-yrs) and Elizabeth Hirsch (2-yrs) are heading up the discussions. Electives language needs to be added. See Nishikawa email, 6/8/11.
Still waiting to hear from Richard Nishikawa and Elizabeth Hirsch regarding additional discipline group discussions on the 1-credit lab issue. Maia Blom will request a deadline from Nish and Elizabeth – hopefully it will be July 6. Maia will add electives language to the agreement.
- French – multiple questions to be answered; see Blom email sent 4/27/11; add electives language?
An issue has arisen for language agreements: IHEs are not required to use the same language placement tests. Was this issue considered when the Spanish agreement was being discussed?

New electives language needs to be added to the French agreement.

It is unclear at what phase the French agreement is. Maia will research if the discipline group was allowed to verify the draft agreement. If they did, she will present two versions of the agreement to the discipline group for a determination as to which version should be used. If the discipline group did not verify the early draft agreement, Maia will send the discussion notes and a draft agreement to the discipline group for verification.

ii. Other agreements

- Criminal Justice – draft curriculum worksheet forwarded to discipline group for verification. VERIFIED Worksheet sent to Scott Thompson for forwarding to those IHEs who did not participate in F2F but offer a CRJ degree.
Scott Thompson has not heard back from any of the IHEs who offer this degree but did not attend F2F. It was decided that the agreement should move on to the next phase.
- English – notes forwarded to discipline group for continued discussion. Group will meet again at fall Fac-to-Fac.
A discussion was held regarding chairs of the discipline groups: that it's important to be collegial, able to compromise, and to not disparage other programs. GEC should consider having the GEC reps be the chairs of the discipline groups to avoid conflicts of interest for the faculty, and to maintain the true nature of facilitating. Also, it might be good to have two GEC reps at each discipline group. GEC needs to start drafting a discipline group facilitator's protocol.
The English group needs to clarify how it will reconvene at the fall Fac-to-Fac and what it needs to accomplish.
- Biology – edits to final agreement sent to GEC rep, Gus Greivel, for distribution to discipline group; finalization of Biology will be “on hold” pending Physics discussions re a possible articulation agreement at fall Fac-to-Fac. See Greivel/Blom emails sent 4/20/11.
Gus Greivel still has not heard back from the two schools (MSCD/ASC) who needed to check with their faculty again about the lab attached to the online Biology course. The curriculum discussion for Biology is taken care of; the remaining issue is the remote lab issue.
- Chemistry – notes forwarded to discipline group for continued discussion; Chemistry will be “on hold” pending Physics discussions re a possible articulation agreement at fall Fac-to-Fac.
The chemistry group is still not in agreement regarding curriculum (organic chemistry sequence v. calculus sequence). The remote lab issue is also not decided. John Lanning is willing to communicate with the discipline group to keep the conversation going.
- CCCS and CSM are working together, thanks to a grant, on totally revamping the online (remote) labs for the beginning science course sequences: BIO 111/112, CHE 111/112, and PHY 111/112. It was suggested that these three agreements be put “on hold” until the spring Fac-to-Fac because this revamping will greatly affect the discussions regarding online labs. GEC decided that Physics

should meet in the fall to start its curriculum discussions, and
Biology and Chemistry would wait until spring to reconvene.

- iii. MAT 155/156 and SCI 155/156 – to be removed from gtPathways?
SCI 155/156 should stay on the gtPathways list. MAT 155/156 will be removed.

- **Other Business?**

- Disciplines to be convened at fall Fac-to-Fac:
 - English
 - Physics (to discuss curriculum issues only)
 - Philosophy
 - Art History (BA)
 - Nursing (BSN)
- GEC needs to develop a protocol for those discipline groups that need to convene more than once – how to continue the conversation outside of Fac-to-Fac conferences.

Items for future meetings:

- Discuss electronic gtPathways reviews (John Lanning's feedback)
- Discuss gtPathways submissions from for-profit schools – a face-to-face review and seasoned reviewers will be needed!
- Discuss how to train gtPathways reviewers.
- Start work on Discipline Group Facilitator's Protocol.
- Start work on a protocol for discipline groups that need to meet more than once.
- Discuss regional (cross-state) articulation programs.
- Discuss how GEC can start assessing what they've done; what kind of data are needed for determining GEC's success?
- Discuss what metrics will be used per IHE in light of the federal requirements regarding accountability.
- Discuss the question: Do Statewide Transfer Articulation Agreements supersede individual transfer guides or MOUs?
- Discuss training for advisors; share info on statewide transfer agreements.