



GE Council

April 9, 2012, 1:00-4:00pm
Department of Higher Education
1560 Broadway – Suite 1600
Denver, CO

MINUTES

1. Greetings and Introductions

Steve Werman (CMU)
Sheila Thompson (MSCD)
Sandy Veltri (CCCS-FRCC)
Sunny Schmitt (CMC)
Jeff Reynolds (AIMS)
Tom Christensen (UCCS)
Jeff London (CFAC-MSCD)
Richard Nishikawa (UCB)
Barbara Morris (FLC)
John Lanning (UCD)
Kevin Nelson (WSC)
Rhonda Epper (CCCS)
Todd Ruskell (CSM)
Frank Novotny (ASC)
Erin Frew (CSU-P)
Alan Lamborn (CSU-FC)
Wayne Artis (CFAC-PPCC)
Scott Thompson (CCCS-NJC)

2. Adoption of last meeting's notes – March 12, 2012 [*See **handout***]

Adopted.

3. Information Items

- a. Reminder: Next GE Council is May 7, 2012
- b. ENG 1008 & 1009 submitted by MSCD for GT-CO1 designation were deferred by the review committee.
- c. Academic Council voted to allow institutions with degrees with emphases or concentrations to participate in statewide articulation agreements (March 13, 2012) without a content review of the program.
 - Degree programs for the Anthropology and Art History statewide articulation agreements were not sent out for content review and these are moving forward.
 - WSC will be allowed to participate in the CRJ statewide articulation agreement.

- It was decided that a subcommittee of reps from both Academic Council (AC – Geri Anderson?, Kathleen Bollard, Vicki Golich, Frank Novotny) and GEC (Wayne Artis, Alan Lamborn, John Lanning, Scott Thompson) would meet to discuss this issue further and come to some consensus.
- In the future, if AC is in a “different place” than GEC on any particular issue, GEC reps would like to know about it so they could address it themselves on their campuses.
- Statewide transfer articulation agreements (STAAs) apply to common degrees per statute. CCHE & HLC only approve full-fledged degrees, not degrees with emphasis/concentration/track (DWEs).
- GEC has no intent to restrict any school from participating in a STAA. There is an issue of ensuring that students know what they’re getting if an agreement has the name of a degree/discipline on it. GEC and DHE want to make sure that there is no misrepresentation as to what kind of a degree a student is receiving from an IHE that offers a DWE and not a degree with the same name as is specified on the articulation agreement. How does GEC/CCHE guarantee to a student that a DWE is a functional equivalent? There could be legal consequences with allowing DWEs to participate. GEC needs to develop some kind of standard/protocol/requirements for DWEs to participate in a STAA. This will be the subject of the discussion with Academic Council discussion group.

4. Discussion/Action Items

- Given 3c above, how do we re-craft the introduction/footnotes of the articulation agreements so that students aren’t misled when the 4-yr IHE they go to doesn’t offer a degree in that major, but rather an emphasis or concentration? The goal here is to clarify the students’ options at receiving institutions because it could, for instance, have implications for the students’ future employment.
 - i. What about something like this?: Not every 4-year institution on the agreement may offer the major in the discipline. Some may offer a degree by a different name but with a concentration or emphasis in the discipline. Students should read carefully the footnotes to the agreement. Students should also check with institutions to which they’re considering transferring to learn how the receiving institution’s major differs from those at other institutions and ask if differences in the majors between the participating institutions will affect chances to pursue a graduate degree in that major, employment, and so on.
- April 6, 2012 Faculty-to-Faculty Debrief
 - i. Question of call-in opportunity for long distance participants. Where is the incentive to attend F2F and be part of the development of the draft articulation plan when we allow institutions not represented at the F2F conference to have a voice before going out to the first campus review?
 - The call-in option would not work well with big groups or with the science disciplines. It might work okay for those disciplines where fewer IHEs are involved. Would video conferencing be a possibility? Agreed we can try call-in with a discipline group with a small number of courses to review.
 - Communication – This STAA will only be for a standard Communication degree, not Mass Communication or Journalism. The discipline group thinks separate Mass Comm and Journalism agreements may be possible.

- Geology – The main discussions were held around ancillary course work and how many semesters of calculus and chemistry should be required; and distant learning versions of labs. It was decided that the Chemistry sequence would be part of the gtPathways curriculum (general education requirements) and Geology courses would be in the “Additional Required Courses” section. Two semesters of Calculus would be required in the STAA as well as the first semester of calculus-based Physics. The second semester of calculus-based Physics would be taken at the receiving IHE. It was also decided that online courses (labs?) would be accepted.
- Geography – Four Geography courses comprise the “Additional Required Courses” section.
- Studio Art – The biggest issue for this group was whether the bachelor’s degree would be a BA or BFA. It was decided that the STAA would only apply to BAs (with language included that students interested in a BFA could still participate but they would most likely not be able to finish in 120 hours).
- **Date for next Faculty-to-Faculty – Friday, October 12, 2012.** The venue will be changed from the CCCS Lowry Conference Center to Pikes Peak Community College – Rampart campus to make it easier for schools from the southern part of the state to participate. Maia and Wayne Artis will work on the venue arrangements. Biology, Chemistry, and Physics will meet in the fall plus one other discipline group.
- Possible disciplines to consider (requests have been made by faculty): Theatre, Music, Computer Information Systems (CIS), Graphic Design
- Articulation Agreements
 - i. **Phase 4: Procurement of Signatures**
 - Anthropology – will be forwarded via email by Ian Macgillivray to CEOs & CAOs for signature (GEC will be cc’d).
STAA will be sent to GEC and AC for signature procurement. ASC will be removed from the agreement for now since they offer a DWE and not a full-fledged degree.
 - ii. **Phase 3: Final Review**
 - French – V.2 – still need confirmation from AIMS, MSCD, and UCD. All schools are in agreement with the French STAA. It will be sent out for signatures.
 - iii. **Phase 2: ICIR**
 1. Criminal Justice – V.5 sent to GEC (2/27/12) for continued ICIR; 4/6/12 was deadline for ICIR. See CRJ Statewide Transfer Articulation Agreement, V.5 [**handout**].
 - Scott Thompson will take agreement back to discipline group to see if they are okay with requiring SOC 101 in the Gen Ed requirements section of the Prescribed Curriculum under Social & Behavioral Sciences.
 - Jeff London will find out from discipline group why 8 credits are required in the Natural & Physical Sciences section: is it because they want two lab-based science courses?

- A footnote needs to be added to the “9 credit” section of the Additional Required Courses indicating that if these courses are taken in this Additional Required Courses category, they may not be used to satisfy the Gen Ed requirements in the top half of the Prescribed Curriculum.
- a. CCCS has the following concerns:
 - i. Science says 8 credits, but allows for SC1 and SC2. Students could do that in 7 credits (4+3).
 - ii. Some of the electives are GT courses that could fulfill the gen ed requirements. This is similar to the discussion yesterday regarding double dipping. It should be clear to students that the courses cannot be counted as both Gen Ed and electives.
- b. UCD also has some concerns to be shared.
- iv. **Phase 1: Curriculum Worksheet Creation & Verification**
 - Art History – has been approved by all campuses present at F2F. WSC has a degree with emphasis and was not present. The next step is for WSC to give its okay. Then on to Phase 2.
 - Maia will send the CWS to WSC once the AC/GEC subcommittee has met to discuss DWEs.
 - CMU needs to be added to the agreement – they have a BFA in Art History.
 - English – issue raised by UCD re creative writing course option. Issue is still being addressed by GEC English discipline reps and John Lanning. Sheila Thompson, Wayne Artis, and Richard Nishikawa were to prepare some remedies for this issue and forward them to the discipline group with a cc to GE Council and Maia. Next step would be GEC reps forwarding to those schools that didn’t make it to F2F (UCCS). *See* Email String Re English Draft CWS [**handout**].
 - The revised CWS, V.4C (as prepared by Sheila T., Wayne A., and Richard N.), was forwarded to the discipline group with a copy to GEC. Comments are to be provided by close of business on Friday, April 13.
 - Philosophy – V.2 with Wayne Artis’s comment and the format presented for the “additional 3 credits issue” was approved by GEC at the March meeting. Next step: V.2 will go to the discipline group once more for *re-verification* and then on to UCCS and CMC for their approval.
 - The comments made by Dr. Archie (CSU-FC) need to be forwarded to the discipline group. The issues raised: should there be that many Philosophy courses in the “Additional Required Courses” section of the Prescribed Curriculum; and should it be the courses listed.
 - Physics – status of Erin Frew and John Lanning’s discussions with Physics Chair re Modern Physics issue. *See* Email String Re Marta W’s Comments [**handout**].
 - The Modern Physics discussions are on-going.

5. Other Business?

- **Fall gtPathways Review date: Friday, October 26, 2012. Submission deadline is Friday, October 5, 2012.**
- Items for May 7 agenda:
 - i. Biology, Chemistry, & Physics STAAs
 - John Lanning will get a preliminary list of issues for Chemistry before the May 7 meeting.
 - Todd Ruskell will get a preliminary list of issues for Physics???
 - Biology????
 - ii. Agriculture STAA – status report