



GE Council

May 7, 2012, 1:00-4:00pm
Department of Higher Education
1560 Broadway – Suite 1600
Denver, CO

MINUTES

1. Greetings and Introductions

Wayne Artis (CFAC-PPCC)

Tom Christensen (UCCS)

Rhonda Epper (CCCS)

Erin Frew (CSU-P)

Alan Lamborn (CSU-FC)

John Lanning (UCD)

Jeff London (CFAC-MSCD)

Barbara Morris (FLC)

Kevin Nelson (WSC)

Richard Nishikawa (UCB)

Frank Novotny (ASC)

Jeff Reynolds (AIMS)

Todd Ruskell (CSM)

Sunny Schmitt (CMC)

Tom Smith (UNC)

Scott Thompson (CCCS)

Sandy Veltri (CCCS)

Steve Werman (CMU)

2. Adoption of last meeting's notes – April 9, 2012 [*See handout.*]

Approved.

3. Information Items

- a. National assessment consortia update. (Emmy Glancy & Scott Stump) – **tabled for next meeting.**
- b. Info/dates on summer 2012 Fac2Fac discipline meetings. (Emmy) – **tabled for next meeting.**
- c. Status of agriculture agreement with CSU, Aims & CCCS. [*See handouts* – Scott Thompson Email String re AG Agreement *and* AG Articulation SW Agreements spreadsheet.]
 - **ASC offers a Business Degree with an with an Agribusiness option; ASC will not be a part of any AG statewide transfer articulation agreement (STAA). CMU will participate through its 2-yr role and mission.**

- Per statute (role & mission) – CSU is the only 4-year IHE allowed to offer bachelor’s degrees in AG. “Colorado state university has exclusive authority to offer graduate and undergraduate programs in agriculture, forestry, natural resources, and veterinary medicine.” §23-31-101 C.R.S.
- Ag Business, Ag Education, Animal Sciences (including Equine), Horticulture, and Soils and Crops will be five separate STAAs.
- Ian noted the Agricultural Education curriculum worksheet currently adds up to 64 credits and needs to be capped at 60.
- PPCC has an AG-type program (Equine Science). Should this be included in these discussions? Wayne will ask PPCC to contact Mike Anderson at NJC. Ian sent reminder 5/11/2012.
- AG group does not need to be invited to Fac2Fac. Alan Lamborn will arrange to have some GEC reps attend the summer/fall meetings of this group. Scott Thompson volunteered to participate. Maia Blom is to send Alan and Scott the Fac2Fac documents used in the articulation agreement process. Done – docs sent 5/9/2012.
- Another possible STAA option is Fire Science (wildfires). Scott and Alan will follow up with the Fire Science folks. Ian sent email reminder 5/11/2012.

4. Discussion/Action Items

- a. October 12 gtPathways Fac2Fac logistics update: Rooms reserved at PPCC Rampart Campus thanks to Wayne Artis.
 - i. Is this too soon to have any direction on the labs?
- b. Institutions with degrees with emphasis or a concentration (**DWE/C**) participating in statewide articulation agreements
 - i. CRJ and Art History are the two agreements in question. Others?
 - ii. The “discussion group” with Academic Council was canceled. AC is fine with GE Council proceeding as previously planned. Department staff will keep the two councils informed of what the other is up to on this issue. The following points are ideas and questions that GE Council came up with previously. Which ones should be made procedure?
 - It was suggested and agreed to that a subcommittee be formed to look at the DWE/C issue.
 - The committee members are: Alan, Kevin, Scott, Jeff, and Nish.
 - They will meet over the summer and consider a process to be adopted by GEC that will address DWE/Cs and their participation in STAAs. The subcommittee will consider the bullet points listed below. DHE staff will prepare a preliminary document and send to this committee to get the discussion started.
 - It is also important to consider if a current DWE/C was at one time a stand-alone degree. If it was, and there have been no curricular changes, then its participation in the STAA would be a good possibility. If the DWE/C has no history as a stand-along degree and is truly a “concentration,” then the reasons for which it should be included in the STAA should be presented to the discipline group, probably by the department chair or provost. The end result of the process to be developed will be to determine which institutions will be signatories on the agreement versus observers to the process of creating the articulation agreement.

- Does GEC want a credit hour minimum in the discipline for those STAAs that involve degrees with emphases (DWEs)?
- To be involved in a STAA, should an IHE have a DWE that is the functional equivalent of a *major*? Minors do not count and will be excluded from participation in STAAs.
- Should curriculum/content of a DWE be reviewed by the discipline group?
- Should these curricula reviews be blind reviews?
- The catalogue copy of a DWE is what should be submitted for review, not an advising sheet.
- Curriculum Review parameters will be set by DHE and provided to GEC for final approval. Then the GEC discipline reps (Scott Thompson & Jeff London for Art History) will facilitate the Curriculum Review with the discipline group.
- Parameters:
 - Curriculum provided must be the catalogue copy (version).
 - The DWE should have a prescribed curriculum that is a functional equivalent to the major.
 - The DWE should have a certain number of credit hours?
 - Could the discipline group prepare a compare/contrast for GE Council for each proposed major?
 - DHE offered to find national data re degree requirements to guide this discussion.

c. Status of CHEM, BIOL & PHYS agreements [See **handout** – Science Discussion Notes]

- i. John & Martha compile list of “preliminary issues” for CHEM agreement. Erin & Physics Chair compile list for PHYS. Who compiles list for BIOL?
 1. See **handout** – Chemistry List of Issues.
- ii. Should these 3 agreements go to October 12 Fac2Fac?
 - Discussion was held regarding when Biology, Chemistry, and Physics should return to Fac2Fac.
 - It was decided that Biology and Physics would likely return to Fac2Fac in spring 2013. The main issue for these groups to address is online labs. BIO and PHY will wait until spring 2013 to give the lab pilot program more time to provide better “data” for this discussion.
 - Chemistry will “convene” over the summer under the guidance of John Lanning and Martha Carter-Jackson. The issue of online labs will not be addressed. Only issues relating to curriculum and content in the first 60 hours will be discussed. Chemistry will return to Fac2Fac in fall 2012 with the hopes that the summer discussions will further the productiveness of the fall discussions. Online labs will not be discussed in the fall. They will be addressed with Biology and Physics in the spring 2013.
 - Two points were noted on the handout “Issues for a Chemistry Statewide Articulation Agreement:
 - Page 1 – it was corrected that CCCS *does* offer calculus-based physics online.

- Page 1 – the question was raised regarding the origins of the ban on transcribing whether a course was completed online or not. DHE does not think it's in statute or policy and is researching.
 - The issue of Modern Physics does need to be addressed at some point. If it becomes part of a STAA, this course will be offered more frequently at the CCs.
- d. Revisit list of potential agreements for October Fac2Fac. Pick one to address with the three science agreements? Choices?: Music, Theatre, CIS, Graphic Design? [*See handout* – “List of choices”]
 - Disciplines to be discussed at October 12, 2012 Faculty-to-Faculty conference for potential articulation agreements:
 - **Chemistry**
 - **Graphic Design (as an Art degree, not a computer degree)**
 - **Music**
 - **Theatre**
 - Computer Information Systems will not be considered for now because it is already covered in many institutions' Business and Engineering degrees.
- e. Articulation Agreements

To join a STAA after it has become effective:

 1. If an IHE has a stand-alone degree in the discipline and the IHE agrees with all parts of the STAA, the IHE just needs to sign on to the agreement.
 2. If an IHE has a DWE/C in the discipline, then the IHE will need to follow a mini-process for participating (this mini-process will be considered this summer by the DWE/C subcommittee).
 - i. Make explicit on the template that “Additional Required Courses” section is for courses that will apply to the major? [*See handout* – current Template.]
Done. Language changed to “Additional Courses Required by the Major.”
 - ii. **Phase 4: Procurement of Signatures**
 1. Anthropology –forwarded via email by Ian Macgillivray to GE and Academic Councils for signatures (4/10/12); signatures procured as of 4/25/12; presented to CCHE as consent item on 5/4/12. **Approved by CCHE on 5/4/12.**
 2. French – forwarded via email by Ian Macgillivray to GE and Academic Councils for signatures (4/10/12); signatures procured as of 4/25/12; presented to CCHE as consent item on 5/4/12. **Approved by CCHE on 5/4/12.**
 - iii. **Phase 3: Draft Agreement/Final Review**
 1. Criminal Justice – Phase 2, ICIR, V.6 approved by GEC discipline reps. V.6 includes the following changes:
 - SOC 101 substituted for 3 of the 6 Social & Behavioral Sciences credits in the Gen Ed Requirements section.
 - Footnote added to the 9 credits of “CRJ” courses in the Additional Required Courses section.
 - The 8 credits for Natural & Physical Sciences were left since some of the schools do require two courses with lab.

V.6 moves to *Phase 3: Draft Agreement* – GEC is to review. [See **handout** – CRJ, Phase 3 – Draft Agreement.]

Moves to Phase 3 – Final Review. Maia Blom will send out to GEC.
Done – sent to GEC on 5/8/12.

iv. **Phase 2: ICIR**

1. none

v. **Phase 1: Curriculum Worksheet Creation & Verification**

1. Art History – Need to resolve “degrees with emphases” issue. Then, depending on the determination:

- WSC’s and CMU’s curricula need to be reviewed by discipline group
- WSC and CMU need to “verify” the CWS
- CWS moves to Phase 2, ICIR.

See notes at 4.b. Also, Scott Thompson volunteered to review CMU’s and WSC’s curricula. Ian queried Scott via email on 5/11/2012 if instead these two institutions’ curricula should go to the discipline group for their review and input?

2. English – CWS, V.4C forwarded to discipline group with GEC’s questions. [See **handouts** – CWS, V.4C and email/tally.] Next steps?

- Pursue responses to GEC questions from those IHEs that have not yet responded. Questions: 1) AH2 removed from AHUM Gen Ed credits; 2) COM 225 as an “or”; 3) ENG prefix included in “please note.”
- Draft CWS language in “Additional Required Courses” to be changed to the following:

	15		<p>Five gtPathways Arts & Humanities <u>LITERATURE</u> (LIT) courses within the GT-AH2 category*</p> <p>*NOTE: Students are required to take a total of 5 (five) LIT courses (15 credits), 4 (four) of which must be at the 200-level. Please consult with your receiving institution regarding best choices for literature courses.</p>
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3. Philosophy – Dr. Archie’s comments forwarded to discipline group. [See **handouts** – Email String re Dr. Archie’s Comments and Draft CWS, V.3.] Next steps?

- Maia to send email to discipline group asking the following questions regarding the 6 credits of “additional required courses” listed as PHI 214 (Philosophy of Religion), PHI 218 (Environmental Ethics), or PHI 220 (Death and Dying):
 1. Do the majority of 4-year campuses *require* 2 of these 3 courses for the Philosophy major?
 2. Rather than listing PHI 214, 218 and 220, is it okay to simply say “Take any PHI courses to equal 6 credits?”

3. Do these 6 credits need to be at the 200-level?
4. For the footnote, use the standard language from the note in the History agreement to check with the receiving institution, but don't use gtPathways.

- **These 4 questions need to be clarified at the next GEC meeting.**

4. Physics – status of Erin Frew and John Lanning's discussions with Physics Chair re Modern Physics issue. See notes at 4.c.ii.
 5. Communication – draft CWS sent to discipline group for verification. Deadline – April 27, 2012. Draft CWS re-sent 4/30/12 to those IHEs who have not yet responded. Question raised by Chair of discipline group. [See **handouts** – Stephen Collins Email string and Communication Draft CWS.]
 - It was decided that the “electives” language in the Draft CWS and STAA template would stay as is.
 - Maia will ask Stephen Collins about language for UCD's footnote.
 - As regards the second footnote, Wayne Artis suggests CCCS reps in the group should check if CCCS added “Intro to” the front of the course name, Intercultural Communication (COM 220). Maia will follow up.
 6. Geography – draft CWS sent to discipline group for verification. Deadline – May 4, 2012.
 7. Geology – draft CWS ready to be sent to discipline group. Nish was going to check with them re the issue of course sequences and whether/how they should be broken up.
 8. Studio Art – draft CWS sent to discipline group for verification. Deadline – May 4, 2012.
5. Other Business?
- Discussion of whether the mode of course delivery can be included in a transcript. The overall consensus is no, but no one could remember if that was something simply agreed to, or if it is required by statute or CCHE policy. DHE staff is investigating.