

**DRAFT**  
**GE 25 Council**  
**April 10, 2006**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

**Meeting Attendees:**

R. "Nish" Nishikawa, CU-B; John Cooney, CU system; John Lanning, UCDHSC; John Sowell, WSC; Linda Curran, MSCD; Cristina Martinez; Alan Lamborn, CSU-FC; Jeff Reynolds, AIMS; Wayne Artis, PPCC; David Caldwell, UNC; Roger Carver, CCD; Frank Novotny, ASC and Gary Gianniny, FLC, David Caldwell, UNC.

**Action Items:**

- Approve the **Chair's Evaluation Cover Sheet** (sent w/ GE 25 March minutes on 3/27). *The GE 25 Council unanimously approved the Chair's Evaluation Cover Sheet and it was utilized at the April 14, 2006 gtPathways Course Review Day. A sample cover sheet will be provided at our May 8, 2006 meeting for those who wish to have a copy. Additionally, the Cover Sheet will be available for view/downloading at the gtPathways website as revisions continue...*
  
- Approve the **process and form concerning changes to courses** that are made AFTER they have been recommended for placement into the gtPathways curriculum (sent w/ GE 25 March minutes on 3/27) *Alan agreed to update this form, make changes and email them to me, (which he did quite quickly). Please see Alan's revisions in the attached document. We will move to formally approve the changes at Monday's meeting.*

**Information Items:** Anybody have any of these for the good of the order?

*Gary Gianniny, recommended that the March 2006 meeting minutes be revised to accurately reflect the conversation had between him and Wayne Artis at the March GE 25 meeting concerning the policymaking responsibilities of the GE 25. Gary suggested that the revised minutes be reposted at the gtPathways website. Note: The revisions will be completed and posted by May 15, 2006.*

**Discussion Items/Questions:**

- The King Bill and (4) *Competency testing. THE COMMISSION SHALL, IN CONSULTATION WITH EACH PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, DEFINE A PROCESS FOR STUDENTS TO TEST OUT OF CORE COURSES, INCLUDING SPECIFYING USE OF A NATIONAL TEST OR THE CRITERIA FOR APPROVING INSTITUTIONALLY DEvised TESTS. STUDENTS SHALL BE GRANTED CREDIT FOR THE CORE COURSES THEY SUCCESSFULLY TEST OUT OF, FREE OF TUITION FOR THOSE COURSES.*

**ITEMS OF CONSIDERATION:**

- Statewide Remediation Policy
- King Bill (excerpt/as provided above)

- Internal institutional practices (for placing students in courses)
- Institutional cut scores used to (opt in/test out)
  - \* What do each of your catalogs state w/ regard to English/Math?
  
- Can we schedule a summer gtPathways Review? UNC has requested that we consider doing so in an effort to accommodate approximately 45 courses that were submitted by UNC just after the Friday March 31, 2006 deadline. **Dates for consideration? (Discussion)**  
*The GE 25 Council unanimously decided NOT to have a summer 2006 review, stating that they believed it would be too difficult to recruit faculty during the summer months when summer teaching schedules differ, teaching loads are heavier, and many faculty are simply not contractually obligated to teach/perform "other duties". UNC's courses (received Wednesday April 5, 2006), will be deferred to the first Fall 2006 gtPathways review.*
  
- Identify dates for next fall's (2006) gtPathways course review. Should we coordinate the review in conjunction with the Faculty-to-Faculty Conference and turn it into a two-day event? The 2-day conference would be held on Thursday/Friday, October 12th and 13<sup>th</sup>. Thursday October 12<sup>th</sup> would be an all day gtPathways Course Review; on Friday October 13<sup>th</sup>, the CCHE will host the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Faculty-to-Faculty Conference. (Discussion)  
*The GE 25 Council unanimously decided NOT to coordinate the first Fall 2006 gtPathways course review with the Faculty-to-Faculty Conference, (scheduled for October 13, 2006). The following dates were scheduled for the Fall 2006 reviews:*

**FALL 2006 gtPathways Course Review Dates**

|                                 |  |
|---------------------------------|--|
| First gtPathways Course Review  | Friday September 22, 2006<br>Submission Deadline: Friday<br>September 8, 2006  |
| Second gtPathways Course Review | Thursday November 9, 2006<br>Submission Deadline: Thursday<br>October 26, 2006 |
| First gtPathways Course Review  | Friday February 9, 2007<br>Submission Deadline: Friday<br>January 26, 2007     |
| Second gtPathways Course Review | Thursday April 12, 2007<br>Submission Deadline: Thursday<br>March 29, 2007     |

*I will post these dates at the gtPathways website. In the meantime, my request to members of both GE 25 and Academic Council is that they please place these dates on their respective campus calendars so that the recruiting of faculty reviewers can begin ASAP.*

**Information Items:**

gtPathways  
Course Review  
Cycle IV, Round II  
April 14, 2006  
\*BY CONTENT AREA

**GRAND TOTAL**

| Content Area                 | Recommended | Not Recommended | DEFERRED | TOTAL |
|------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|----------|-------|
| Arts & Humanities            | 20          | 7               | 14       | 41    |
| Communication                | 2           | 3               | 0        | 5     |
| Mathematics                  | 6           | 2               | 0        | 8     |
| Natural & Physical Sciences  | 13          | 3               | 0        | 16    |
| Social & Behavioral Sciences | 37          | 6               | 2        | 45    |
| Grand Total                  | 78          | 21              | 16       | 115   |

\*Attached find a more comprehensive listing of courses by Content Area, (including complete lists of the April 14<sup>th</sup> faculty reviewers by content area).

- Discussion Items for Faculty Advisory Sub-group to the GE 25 Council (meeting 4/14/06) – *The following individuals met on Friday April 14, 2006 for a VERY INFORMAL meeting:*  
*Social/Behavioral Science Chairs – Joan Clinefelter and Wayne Artis*  
*Natural/Physical Science Chairs – David Lempuhl and Jill Stephens*  
*Communication Chairs – Doug Evans-Betanco and Carol Smith (did not join us because they were engaged in their own content group discussion)*  
*Mathematics Chair (Sub) – Rick Reeves (Departed prior to lunch and did not join us). Marsha Driskill and Jeff Farmer, Chairs, were not in attendance.*  
*Arts and Humanities Chairs – Gordon Cheesewright and Nancy McCollum (Joined us for a short time, as their groups was also engaged in review/discussion).*

*The group discussed Communication criteria and competencies for written communication concerning what determines how a course meets the contents/competencies.*

*The group also discussed the possibility of electronic reviews, (with the stipulation that all electronic reviewers have experience reviewing at one or more of the previous reviews.*

*They also recommended that rather than 5 copies of each nominated course, 3 would be a better number, (and save on copying/paperwork).*

*The Chairs believed that all of the revised/approved forms for the gtPathways review were ok.*

*They also decided that comprehensive 2<sup>nd</sup> reads on re-submissions would be disqualified, in other words, reviewers should only be allowed to review the portions of re-submissions that were specifically addressed in the original rejection of the first review (only evaluate what's been corrected from the first review).*

*I believe the next meeting of this group will either be at the first fall 2006 review and/or at the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Faculty-to-Faculty in October.*

*Please note that we did not discuss, as I recall, the possibility of this group becoming an appeal group for the gtPathways/GE 25 Council (per our discussions at the April 10, 2006 GE meeting).*

• **SAVE THE DATES and SPREAD THE WORD:**

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|--------------------|--|
| September 22, 2006 | gtPathways Review Cycle V,<br>Round I                    |
| October 13, 2006   | 20 <sup>th</sup> Annual Faculty to<br>Faculty Conference |
| November 9, 2006   | gtPathways Review Cycle V,<br>Round II                   |

**CONTENT SPECIFIC ISSUES/QUESTIONS (for GE 25 discussion/possible referral to faculty Content Groups:**

1. **Arts & Humanities** – Discussion on category distinctions (refer to email/C. Henrichs-will be handed out at our Monday meeting);
2. **Communication** – Draft Minutes of Communication content group discussion (2/24) will be formally approved by the group at the April 14<sup>th</sup> review;
3. **Mathematics** – Applied Courses...how do we want to approach this discussion? Should we draft a statement for ratification by the GE 25 that would be sent to the Math review group reminding them of their charge? (G. Gianniny);
4. **Natural & Physical Science** – Are 1-2 credit courses that include a lab adequate as the SC1 experience? How much time should a one (1) credit lab represent (actual seat time/contact hours)? Is a series of 12 three-hour meetings sufficient;

- are there state guidelines on this? (G. Gianniny, J. Lanning) *Someone noted that 30 contact hours = 1 lab hour.*
5. **Social & Behavioral Science** – Draft of a listing of the content criteria in social and behavioral sciences which includes the name, code and operational definition of each category (see Content Criteria Doc dated 11/22/05-to be handed out @ meeting). *Wayne agreed to speak with John Lanning regarding his concerns about the Social/Behavioral Sciences group’s interpretation of the 20% writing competency.*
  6. **Social & Behavioral Science** – Discussion of the writing component part of the content criteria (20%). (J. Lanning, W. Artis)
  7. *Wayne’s recommended revision concerning the layout of the social and behavioral sciences content criteria was approved (re: the “history category” versus the “historical framework category”).*

**Please note:** *The rest of these items probably need to be revisited/addressed and discussed at our May 8, 2006 meeting.(i.e. those without minutes documented next to them).*

**Assignment Items:**

- FAQs for gtPathways website (*April 10, 2006 - NO ACTION TAKEN/NO FEEDBACK PROVIDED*)

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NEXT MEETING

June 12, 2006