

**GE 25 Council  
April 2007 meeting  
April 9, 2007  
MEETING MINUTES**

**Meeting Attendees:**

R. "Nish" Nishikawa, CU-B; John Lanning, UCDHSC; John Sowell, WSC; Jeff Reynolds, AIMS; Wayne Artis, PPCC; Alan Lamborn, CSU-FC; Russ Meyer, CSU-P; Cristina Martinez, MSCD; Linda Curran, MSCD; Geri Anderson, CCCS; Roger Carver, CCD; Steve Roderick, FLC; Michel Dahlin, CU system; Cathy Barkley, MSC.

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

Vicki provided a brief update of the estimates for the upcoming gtPathways Review Cycle V, Round IV, to be held April 13, 2007. To date, CCCS, CSU-FC, FLC, MSCD, UCB, UCCS, UCDHSC and UNC have nominated a total of 148 courses. So far, 30 faculty members have confirmed their attendance at the review; more reviewers are needed. The review will be held at the CCHE offices.

Rita Beachem provided a brief informational update on the gtPathways web page.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

gtPathways campus **workshops** were discussed and the following plan was developed:

The GE 25 will provide FAQs to be used in the administration of the statewide workshops.

The **focus** of the workshops will be on campus transfer. GE 25 recommended splitting the state into four quadrants with workshops to include FAQs, Q and A and a presentation.

The **purpose** of the workshops will be to address transfer issues. The **targeted audience** of the workshops will be: campus advisors, and others who may work with transfer articulation issues, (registrar personnel can also be included).

The **desired outcome** of the workshops will be two "streams" of information for members of the GE 25 Council and others:

**1<sup>st</sup>** – A summary of system-wide issues; **2<sup>nd</sup>** – Recommended issues directed toward institutions and what the ongoing process is and the problems it might include.

The **2007 Faculty to Faculty Conference** was discussed. The GE 25 Council had previously decided on a date: October 12, 2007. Vicki shared with the Council that this

year's venue for the conference will be the Sheraton Denver Tech Center, (the same venue as last year's conference). The GE 25 Council recommended the following topics for this year's conference:

- \* Emphasis on transfer issues within the context of majors;
- \* A return to the discipline meetings (of prior years);
- \* Using the meeting as a dialogue for "calibration" (of gtPathways processes/procedures).

Vicki also mentioned that perhaps we should obtain direct in-put from faculty, in order to determine what might be most meaningful for them, (in terms of conference topics). And also, what would most inspire them to take time away from the teaching duties in order to attend the conference. Vicki will work on this over the course of the summer.

The GE 25 Council agreed that **ASL**, as a nomination to gtPathways, remains problematic, due to the fact that by its very nature and content, it has no writing competency. The Council indicated that at this time, they did not want to expand the sub-categories within the Content area of AHUM to include ASL. Geri (CCCS), indicated that the SFAC group of the CCCS was also considering the "fit" of ASL for placement into the gtPathways curriculum. Vicki believes this discussion can remain open, as the gtPathways process is ever-evolving; ongoing and because Colorado institutions accept ASL as foreign language credit.

**Agenda Item 4** (the clarified role of GE 25), was deferred to a future meeting.

**Agenda Item 5**, concerning a recommendation from the AHUM content co-chairs to implement a rubric/quantification of a writing requirement for the review of AHUM nomination/courses was **rejected** by the GE 25 Council. Specifically, the AHUM Content Group had requested,

*"In addition to the requirement of the Written communication competency, writing in a course in the Arts and Humanities must meet the following requirements. Thirty percent of the final grade in a course must be based on writing assignments. These must include polished, reflective writing."*

GE 25 Council membership decided that it was extremely difficult to accurately quantify writing within the larger context of course reviews. Further, they stated that they did not want to set a precedent for the quantification of writing, (or other competencies), as doing so would indicate that we had to do the same for other content areas. Even though this has been done in the content area of social and behavioral sciences, the Council didn't think it was a good idea to do it in any other content areas.

**Agenda Item 6**, Update on the logistics of implementing the Advanced Writing (CO3). Carol Smith, FLC, indicated to Vicki that they would have a draft for review by the GE 25 Council in June, 2007. Additionally, Vicki shared with the GE 25 that she would send a list of CO3 folks to GE 25 and cc Carol on the list.

**Agenda Item 7** was deferred to a future meeting

**Agenda Item 8**, concerning a new label for courses that are reviewed for placement into the gtPathways curriculum but not recommended – David Skaggs has requested that the GE 25 Council create a new label for courses previously labeled “Not Recommended”, beginning with the April 13, 2007 review. The Council has recommended the following:

- Each content group needs two co-chairs in order to review paperwork and keep things running smoothly;
- The new label for courses previously labeled “NOT RECOMMENDED” will be DEFERRED (preceded by 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup>, depending on how many times the course has been nominated/re-nominated).
- It was recommended that the DEFERRED courses be featured only in the narrative portion of the agenda item, (as opposed to quantified in the numbers breakdown of the review’s summary [within the agenda item]).
- Council decided that if a course was nominated/re-nominated 3 times and not recommended for placement in the gtPathways curriculum that the nominating institution would be required to justify additional reviews (beyond the first 3 reviews of the course).
- It was also agreed that Alan Lamborn (with assistance from Jeff R. and John L. would work on a revision of the Nomination Form regarding the interpretation of Natural and Physical Science courses nominated, (in terms of lab status, etc).
- It was also agreed that Vicki should defer to the Registrar’s Group for their discussion and perspectives on the transcribing of Lab science courses that can be taken, (and a grade/credit administered) in the absence of having to take a concurrently delivered, companion lecture course. Vicki will empanel or otherwise contact the Registrars group this summer, 2007.
- Appeals for gtPathways nominations submitted and not recommended after 3 attempts were also discussed. The Council decided that appeals (a 4<sup>th</sup> nomination and beyond), would first go to Vicki and then to the GE 25 Council for consideration.

**Agenda Item 9, GE 25 agreed to grant** MSC’s request, (they would like to have Calculus I, Math 151, 5 semester hours, as their math requirement. Current regulations state that the math requirement in the core is a 3 hour course. Can MSC be granted an exception for these science and math classes so that they can use the Calculus I course [5 hours])?

### **Agenda Item 10**

The following dates were agreed upon for GE 25 meetings, May-December, 2007:

- May 7
- June 11
- July 9
- August 13

- September 10
- October 8
- November 12
- December 10

Next meeting was scheduled for Monday May 7, 2007.