

**GE 25 Council
May 2007 meeting
May 7, 2007
MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Attendees:

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

INFORMATION ITEMS:

Vicki provided a brief update of the results of the gtPathways Review Cycle V, Round IV, held April 27, 2007. Vicki shared the following with the Council members:

Content Category	Recommended	Deferred
AHUM	21	16
MATH	2	5
Natural & Physical Science	19	16
Social & Behavioral Science	36	33

An update on the gtPathways website corrections was deferred to the June 11th meeting, as Rita was unavailable.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Discussion Item One - The **2007 Faculty to Faculty Conference** was discussed, again, as it was at the April 2007 GE 25 meeting. The Conference's date and venue were re-capped; Vicki added that she did not think that there would be a cap on the number of participants this year. The GE 25 Council recommended the following topics for this year's conference (note, these are in addition to the recommendations provided at the Council's April 2007 meeting):

- * Test out policies/discussion (perhaps in the afternoon content discussion groups);
- * Spellings' Commission/Assessment;
- * It was recommended that Vicki should consult with Mark Malone in order to identify additional topics that faculty are interested in;
- * P-20 (the Governor's Council) was mentioned as a possible topic of discussion;
- * Transfer Agreements, especially for 2ndy Education and between CC and four-year system of institutions.

Discussion Item Two – It was agreed that this item should be deferred to the June 11th meeting, as John Lanning had presented it as an agenda item and he was not present at the May meeting.

Discussion Item Three – Writing Competency in the Arts and Humanities: 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 at its April 2007.

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.

At the May meeting, some members of the GE 25 recommended that perhaps the AHUM co-chairs/faculty should have an opportunity to address the GE 25 in person and provide written commentary regarding their recommendation for the writing competency. Other members decided that that was probably not a good idea, since the GE 25 Council had already made a decision on the original recommendation at the April meeting. The Council does not anticipate that this issue will come up again, as the only group with a specified (quantified) writing competency was the Social and Behavioral Content area.

Discussion Item Four - Logistics of implementing the Advanced Writing (Feb 2, 2007 Commission/APPROVED changes to the Statewide Transfer Policy, Part L) Carol Smith, Communication Content Area Co-chair gave the following update via email:

WORK TO DATE

Representatives from CU-B and CSU-FC have developed a first draft of the CO3 criteria.

NEXT STEPS

Representatives from most of the other four-year colleges and universities are organizing a meeting in Denver the week of May 21 to discuss and finalize the draft criteria. Our goal is to email these criteria to you by May 25.

Vicki shared with the Council that they need to be sure and include the 2-year sector. Also, Vicki told the Council she would forward names of possible two-year faculty (provided by Geri A.), to Carol for inclusion in the group currently discussing CO3 content and competency criteria.

Alan provided a draft of the CO3 criteria, (given to him by faculty participants at CSU-FC), however both Wayne and Steve cautioned against even reviewing the draft, as it had not yet been formalized or formally voted on.

Vicki will provide another update at the June GE 25 meeting.

Discussion Item Five – The following dates for the remaining GE 25 meetings were shared with the group:

- May 7
- June 11
- July 9
- August 13
- September 10
- October 8
- November 12
- December 10

No meeting dates were set for the fall 2007 reviews.

Discussion Item Six – Registrars Blog update. Vicki shared with the Council that she would be working with the CCHE webmaster in an effort to establish a blog for registrars who will serve as a “chat room” for transcriptors, registrars and others. She will update the Council at the June meeting.

Discussion Items Seven and Eight were deferred to the June 2007 GE 25 Council’s meeting.

Discussion Item Nine - Natural/Physical Science Category (packaging/reviewing/transcribing) courses: Currently N & P Science category is configured to include:

SC1 = Stand alone labs

Lab + Lecture

SC2 = Freestanding class w/ no Lab

For consideration: Label, Transcript(ing), “Packaging/Nomination” of course.

Jeff recommended the following:

= 6 SC2

= *1 SC1 (@ least)

*Must be tied to lecture of SC2 or be part of SC1, with @ least 7 credits, at least one of which must be an SC1.

It was decided that Jeff, Alan, John (Lanning), and possible Nish, will devise a “new” plan for SC category and then present the new plan to GE 25 by June 11, 2007 for additional discussion.

Discussion Item Ten – was a re-cap on the C/C-/C+ issue. GE 25 decided that they would support what most institutions already “employ” – a C “range”, to include C+s and C-s, however, the DHE policy would maintain “C”, with the inclusion of “range” being implicit in the policy. Academic Council has agreed to this as well.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting will be June 11, 2007