

General Education Council
May 11, 2020 - 1:00 - 4:00pm
Colorado Department of Higher Education
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AGENDA -- NOTES

I. GREETINGS & INTRODUCTIONS (1:00-1:05pm)

1. Welcome (Chris Rasmussen)
2. Attendance (Christina Carrillo)

In attendance: Wayne Artis (CFAC-PPCC); Joann Brennan (CU Denver); Rick Busson (Aims); Helen Caprioglio (CSUP); Linda Comeaux (CCCS-RRCC); Tony Contento (CSUG); Maureen Durkin (CU System); Melanie Hulbert (WCU); Alex Ilyasova (UCCS); Danen Jobe (CCCS); Lori Kester (Mines); Carol Kuper (CCCS-SFCC-MCC); Michael Lightner (CU System); Jeff London (CFAC-MSU Denver); Kelly Long (CSU); Nancy Matchett (UNC); Gillian McKnight-Tutein (CCCS-FRCC); Aparna Palmer (CMU); Kathryn Regjo (CMC); Scott Reichel (Aims); Shaun Schafer (MSU Denver); Beez Schell (CMC); Patrick Tally (CU Boulder); Christina Carrillo (CDHE); Spencer Ellis (CDHE); Kim Poast (CDHE); Chris Rasmussen (CDHE)

II. Adoption of last meeting's notes (1:05-1:10pm)

1. **[See handout: 2020-04-13- GE Council - NOTES.pdf]**
Notes approved

III. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Updates (and thank you!) on:
 - Re-submission of GT Pathways courses (following 2016 revision to GT Pathways content criteria and competencies)
 - Submission of PLA course and transfer equivalencies (CDHE will be following up on the new CLEP exam in Spanish with Writing and to address individual discrepancies in other parts of PLA tables - have fully completed by May 31)
2. OER Updates (Spencer Ellis)

IV. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. All things COVID-19
 - a. General reports/observations/bright spots?



- b. Opportunity tomorrow for faculty: *Impact of COVID-19 on Higher Education Operations: An Open Forum for Colorado's Higher Education Faculty* (in partnership with the Colorado Faculty Advisory Council)
2. Affirmation of addition of CSU-Global to Statewide Transfer Articulation Agreements in Business and Criminal Justice
 - No objections were brought to the Academic Affairs team during the public comment window.
 - CSU-Global has been approved to join the above listed STAAs.
3. Proposed addition of Colorado Northwestern Community College (CNCC) to Statewide Transfer Articulation Agreement in Early Childhood Education
 - In January 2020, CNCC stated that they wanted to expand their degree options in order to expand opportunities for students.
 - CNCC has a new registrar, who has been actively reviewing their course offerings and looking at how the college could increase opportunities. In February 2020, CNCC was approved by GE Council to be added to nine existing STAAs. This is a continuation of this examination of CNCC's offerings.
 - A public comment period will open after this meeting. Email will go out to Academic Council members to solicit any feedback from faculty of Early Childhood Education STAA.
4. Proposed addition of Aims Community College to Statewide Transfer Articulation Agreement in Music
 - A public comment period will open after this meeting. Email will go out to Academic Council members to solicit any feedback from Music faculty.
5. CCHE approval of STAAs in computer science, dance, journalism, and public health
 - a. Commission approved "pending the obtainment of signatures to the agreements from the chief academic officers of participating institutions and systems."
 - The State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education is set to consider the proposed DwDs at its May 28 meeting.
 - b. Timeline for securing signatures
 - GE Council members suggested June 30, 2020 as the deadline to obtain necessary signatures.
 - c. Need for signatures from institutional presidents?
 - GE Council members agreed that signatures from Provosts/Chief Academic Officers would be satisfactory.
 - The Department will follow-up regarding electronic signatures.

6. Update on STAA in mechanical engineering
 - a. Opinion sought from COAG
 - b. Options to pursue GT Pathways waivers for bachelor's degree programs at CSU, CU Denver, and MSU Denver
 - CSU is not interested in pursuing a GT Pathways waiver for its Mechanical Engineering program. CSU believes in students having the full complement of a general education program.
 - MSU Denver is interested in pursuing a GT Pathways waiver for their program.
 - CMU has a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering Technology that they would like to have be a part of the STAA. CMU had a faculty member attend the Spring 2019 Faculty-to-Faculty conference to participate in the Engineering conversation but is not currently listed on the STAA. CMU will begin looking into this.
 - There was discussion as to whether four-year participants that require additional gen ed courses post-transfer may be disadvantaged and less attractive to potential transfer students. Chris suggested that the gen ed requirement may actually be seen as an advantage and could be promoted as such, and that this is likely no different from how students evaluate and choose programs when they are considering starting at a four-year institution.
 - Given statutory language around general education requirements post-transfer after completion of a Dwd, the Department will seek advisement from the Colorado Office of the Attorney General to inform next steps for the agreement.
 - c. Vetting and timeline for obtaining signatures to the agreement
 - The Department is hopeful to roll out the Engineering STAA to students in Fall 2021.
7. Revisions to CCHE Developmental Education Policy
 - a. Revisions approved by the Commission
 - b. Repeal of CCHE SAI Policy
 - c. Strong Start to Finish grant to advance reforms in developmental education (with a focus on academic advising)
 - Chris noted that the revised policy (and repealed SAI policy) will be posted to the CDHE website in the near future and that a memo will be sent to institutions highlighting the changes and next steps.
 - The Department has finalized a workplan and budget for the SSTF grant and is waiting for formal approval from the parent organization, Education Commission of the States. The grant project would begin July 1 and continue through December 31, 2021.
8. Update on HB20-1002 (work-based learning)
 - The bill remains a priority legislation item for the Department; CDHE is working with sponsors and stakeholders on amendments in

response to dramatically changed circumstances, including elimination of any state funding for the work—instead CDHE is seeking gifts and grants.

9. New and closed GT Pathways courses

New

Colorado Community College System

- GT-AH4: ASL 221 American Sign Language IV (3)
- GT-AH4: ASL 222 American Sign Language V (3)

Metropolitan State University of Denver

- GT-CO3: ENG 3525 Scholarly Writing (3)
- GT-CO3: ENG 3526 Writing in the Sciences (3)
- GT-CO3: ENG 3527 Professional Writing (3)
- GT-MA1: MTH 1081 Mathematics for Liberal Arts w/Laboratory (3)
- GT-MA1: MTH 1111 College Algebra for Calculus w/Laboratory (4)
- GT-MA1: MTH 1115 College Algebra through Modeling w/Laboratory (4)
- GT-MA1: MTH 1311 Finite Mathematics for the Management and Social Sciences w/Laboratory (4)
- GT-SC1: PHY 2309 Stretch General Physics I B (4*) **The course is 3 credits, but a total of 4 credits of GT Pathways will be awarded after passing both PHY 2308 (3 credits) and PHY 2309 (3 credits)*
- GT-SS3: COMM 2200 Introduction to Interpersonal Communication (3)
- GT-SS3: COMM 2300 Introduction to Organized Communication (3)

Closed -- NONE

Reminder: GT PATHWAYS - Roll-out of new requirements.

1) Course submission forms posted here:

<http://higher.ed.colorado.gov/Academics/Transfers/> . Go to GT Pathways section; click on folder icon at “Submission/Verification Forms” bullet.

The timeline for re-submission of GT Pathways courses is as follows:

Due Date	GT Pathways Content Areas & Courses
February 28, 2017 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Written Communication Mathematics TOTAL: ~160 courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GT-CO1: ~14 courses GT-CO2: ~26 courses GT-CO3: ~20 courses GT-MA1: ~100 courses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Math for Liberal Arts/Quant Reasoning: ~16 courses Stats (& Probability): ~9 courses College Algebra: ~15 courses Pre-calc & Calculus I, II, III: ~41 courses Trig (& Analytic Geometry): ~6 courses Finite: ~3 courses
May 15, 2017 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Natural & Physical Science w/Lab TOTAL: ~169 courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GT-SC1: ~169 courses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BIO: ~48 courses CHEM: ~46 courses PHYS: ~75 courses
November 24, 2017 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Natural & Physical Science w/Lab (continued) and Natural & Physical Science - lecture only TOTAL: ~143 courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GT-SC1: ~33 courses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GEOG: ~5 courses GEOL: ~22 courses Other (meteorology, oceanography, etc.): ~6 GT-SC2: ~110 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BIO: ~16 courses CHEM: ~19 courses PHYS: ~14 courses GEOG: ~1 course GEOL: ~14 courses ASTRONOMY: ~12 courses ENV: ~10 courses Other (meteorology, oceanography, etc.): ~6 courses
May 15, 2018 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arts & Expression Ways of Thinking TOTAL: ~164 courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GT-AH1: ~104 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ART: ~36 courses MUS: ~30 courses THE: ~23 courses DANCE: ~5 courses GT-AH3: ~60 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PHI: ~49 courses REL: ~10 courses
November 24, 2018 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Literature & Humanities World Languages TOTAL: ~176 courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GT-AH2: ~114 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What are the right categories to put here? GT-AH4: ~62
May 15, 2019 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> History Economic or Political Systems TOTAL: ~222 courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GT-HI1: ~146 courses (all HIS) GT-SS1: ~76 courses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ECON: ~33 courses POL: ~29 courses
November 24, 2019 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Geography Human Behavior, Culture, or Social Frameworks TOTAL: ~188 courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GT-SS2: ~23 courses (all GEOG) GT-SS3: ~165 courses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ANT: ~28 courses SOC: ~41 courses Women’s, LGBT and Gender Studies: ~20 courses (a little overlap with SOC & PSY) PSY: ~30 courses

Please note this timeline is flexible and CDHE will allow for individual institutions' time constraints and other specific circumstances. Eligible Courses must be part of the institution's general education core and must be offered at least once every two years (for Colorado Community College System, course can be offered anywhere in the system). Courses can be submitted on the forms provided at <http://higher.ed.colorado.gov/Academics/Transfers/> under "GT Pathways" and in the folder labeled "Submission/Verification Forms."