

General Education Council
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Colorado Department of Higher Education
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AGENDA -- NOTES

I. GREETINGS & INTRODUCTIONS

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

In attendance: Wayne Artis (CFAC-PPCC); Jeffrey Barr (MSU Denver); Kelsey Bennett (WCU); Sonia Brandon (UNC); Joann Brennan (CU Denver); Morgan Bridge (CMU); Helen Caprioglio (CSU-P); Federico Chavez (CCCS Student Representative); Charlie Couch (UNC); Kristen Cusack (CCCS-CCA); Vibhuti Dave (CSM); Margaret Doell (ASU); Tricia Douthit (CSM); Maureen Durkin (CU System); Camden Farmer (MSU Denver); Allison Grant; Bryan Hall (Regis); Liz Harris (CSU-G); Ginny Hayes (WCU); M. Hernandez; Alex Ilyasova (UCCS); Danen Jobe (CCCS); Tim Johnson (CSU); Carol Kuper (CCCS-MCC-SFCC); Laura Lewis (Aims); Mike Lightner (CU System); Jeff London (CFAC-MSU Denver); Kelly Long (CSU); Annette Lujan (CCCS-TSC); Nancy Matchett (UNC); Chad Middleton (CMU); Orien McGlamery (FLC); Heather McKim (CMU); Kate Monteith (CCCS-CCD); Beth Myers (CU Denver); Heather Novak (CSU); Ruthanne Orihuela (CCCS-CCD); Aparna Palmer (CCCS-FRCC); Sean Petranovich (MSU Denver); Kathryn Regjo (CMC); Scott Reichel (Aims); Shaun Schafer (MSU Denver); Corey Shilling (CSU Pueblo); Kevin Simpson (Pickens Technical College); Audra Spicer (CSU-G); Patrick Tally (CU Boulder); Laura Vargas; Kim Wallace (CCCS-FRCC); Betsy Griffin (Gardner Institute); Stefan Richarz (The Attainment Network); Chris Ammons (CDHE); Christina Carrillo (CDHE); Caitlin McKennie (CDHE/CWDC); Roberto Montoya (CDHE); Kim Poast (CDHE); Jay Shah (CDHE); Lauren Ramsay (CDHE); Chris Rasmussen (CDHE); Maggie Yang (CDHE)

II. Adoption of last meeting's notes

1. [\[See handout: 2022-03-14- GE Council - NOTES.pdf\]](#)
Notes approved

III. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Faculty-to-Faculty conference
 - Friday, April 22 - 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
 - Pre-registration required - register [here](#)



Everything is set for the conference with tracks for 1) Biology STAAs; 2) New Advanced Placement Course on African American Studies; 3) Revised Math IB Curriculum; and 4) Industry Credentials and courses in STAAs. Each group will be facilitated by at least one rep from GE Council with assistance from at least one staff member from CDHE.

IV. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. SHEEO/Gardner Institute Transfer Project (1:00-2:30 pm)
2. Updates on the CCHE Strategic Plan Revision
 - Kim provided an update on the Commission's efforts to revise its strategic plan, which is required by statute to be done every five years. An ad hoc committee of commissioners is leading the effort, with the assistance of an outside consultant (Inta Morris, formerly of CDHE), and CDHE staff Kim Poast, Chris Rasmussen, Ben Boggs, and Michael Vente.
3. DwD question from Aims Community College
 - Scott Reichel, Dean of Arts & Sciences at Aims Community College, brought forward a question that has come before the Council in the past: can students who transfer courses into community colleges from private and out-of-state institutions earn Degrees with Designation (DwDs)? The short answer is yes, but because the individual courses themselves are not guaranteed to transfer, students should be informed of that fact. Faculty and academic advisors are also encouraged to work with the intended transfer institution in advance to maximize the possibility of transfer (or work through a course substitution).
 - Chris suggested that STAAs could benefit from language added to the limitations section regarding courses accepted in transfer from private and out-of-state institutions.
4. CLEP policy question from MSU Denver
 - Camden Farmer, Associate Registrar at Metropolitan State University of Denver, asked to consult with the Council on a policy question their IHE has been struggling with, which is the use of a CLEP exam as a challenge exam for students who have already failed the course they are hoping to "CLEP out" of.
 - MSU Denver policy currently does not allow a student to take or transfer in a CLEP exam if they had a previous unsuccessful enrollment in the corresponding equivalent course - i.e., if a student failed College Algebra but now wants to CLEP out of the course, they cannot. Does this policy violate the current CCHE prior learning assessment (PLA) policy? What are other IHEs doing in this type of situation?
 - Council members from other four-year institutions responded their institutions do not have a similar policy; rather, students are allowed to earn for a course in GT Pathways through CLEP even if the student had attempted the course previously. Chris

indicated that he would also consult the AG's office given confusing if not conflicting language in the CCHE PLA policy.

5. Review of PLA tables

- Christina informed Council members that CLEP, IB, AP, and DSST tables have been updated with the new CCCS 4-digit course numbers.
- There are a few discrepancies with the new course numbers - Christina will reach out to CCCS, CMC, and Aims individually to work those issues out.
- Chris has suggested it is best practice for all IHEs to regularly review these PLA tables for accuracy. We will look to the fall semester for a broader review of the tables.

6. Proposed addition of Northeastern Junior College (NJC) to Statewide Transfer Articulation Agreement in Public Health

- This agenda item was inadvertently left off the original agenda. Danen Jobe, Director of Academic Programs and Curriculum for CCCS, informed Council members NJC now had the ability to offer all courses required for the DwD with sufficient frequency to enable a student to complete the degree in two-year full-time enrollment.
- A public comment period will open after this meeting. Email will go out to Academic Council members to solicit any feedback from Public Health faculty.

7. New and closed GT Pathways courses

New

Colorado Community College System

- GT-SS3: PBH 2015 Introduction to Public Health (4)
 - GE Council members asked to review the syllabus for this course. Christina will send out the syllabus as part of the materials for review for next month's meeting. This course will be brought back next month for review and discussion.

Closed

None