

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: Emily Amedee (CSU-SYS); Wayne Artis (CFAC-PPSC); Lynette Bates (CCCS-TSC); Juliet Beckman (CCCS-ACC); Kelsey Bennett (WCU); Eric Bliss (CSU-G); Helen Caprioglio (CSU-P); Liz Cox (CSM); Sierra Di Marco (CCCS); Margaret Doell (ASU); Andrea Duffy (CSU); Maureen Durkin (CU-SYS); Brandon Feres (CCCS-CCA); Kyle Glenn (CFAC-ASU); Michelle Hoffer (CCCS-CCD); Alex Ilyasova (UCCS); Danen Jobe (CCCS); Janiece Knepe (CCCS-RRCC); Mike Lightner (CU-SYS); Nancy Matchett (UNC); Beth Myers (CU Denver); Fida Obeidi (CCCS-CCD); Scott Reichel (Aims); George Rus (UCCS); Shaun Schafer (MSU Denver); Beez Schell (CMC); Patrick Tally (CU Boulder); David Tracer (CU Denver); Susan Young (CCCS-CCA); Suzanne McGurk (College Board); Christina Carrillo (CDHE); Ruthanne Orihuela (CDHE); Chris Rasmussen (CDHE)

II. Adoption of last meeting's notes

1. [\[See handout: 2023-01-09- GE Council - NOTES.pdf\]](#)
Notes approved

III. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. CCCS - Political Science prefix change (Danen Jobe, CCCS)
Danen Jobe, Director of Academic Programs and Curriculum at CCCS, informed Council members about an upcoming prefix change for the Political Science discipline. The current prefix, POS, will be changing to PSC. The change will take effect Fall 2023. Council members wondered if the 2- and 4-year registrars had also been notified of this change. Department staff was unaware but would be sure to notify their Department liaison.

IV. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. CDA Certification for Early Childhood Education credit (HB20-1002) (Danen Jobe, CCCS)
Danen Jobe introduced Sierra Di Marco of CCCS, and Janiece Knepe from RRCC, who have been leading an effort to evaluate the Child Development



Associate (CDA) credential, sponsored by the Council for Professional Recognition, a DC-based non-profit organization (see <https://www.cdacouncil.org/en/>). Janiece shared that the CCCS early childhood disciplinary group has recommended that the CDA be recognized as equivalent to ECE 101/1011 as part of the HB20-1002 process. GE Council supported the next step of bringing the two-year and four-year faculty together to affirm the recommendation. Sierra said the group could be gathered by mid-March with a recommendation brought to GE Council in April.

2. Proposed CCCS GT-SS3 course PBH 2015 Introduction to Public Health

This course was first reviewed by GE Council members last year. The course was not approved for GT Pathways at the time - GE Council members expressed concerns regarding the alignment of content and competencies with GT-SS3. Danen Jobe introduced new information regarding the development of this course, saying the course was developed specifically between faculty at the Community College of Denver (CCD) and the University of Colorado, Denver (CU Denver) to ensure alignment with CU Denver's equivalent course. CU Denver's course, PBHL 2001 Introduction to Public Health, is an approved GT-SS3 course. Subject matter experts (SMEs) from both CCD and CU Denver were available to answer questions regarding the development of PBH 2015.

Council members asked if the new course would be added to the STAA in Public Health. Currently, the course would count as elective credit in the STAA. Since this is a newer agreement, it likely won't be opened for revision for a few more years. However, the plan from CCCS is to have the course more widely taught throughout the system, especially if the course becomes part of the STAA.

DHE staff suggested an updated syllabus for the course be distributed to Council members to review - we will return to this agenda item next month for further discussion.

3. Stackable Credentials Pathways updates (Ruthanne Orihuela, CDHE)

Ruthanne Orihuela, Director of Credential Pathways and Prior Learning Initiatives provided an update on implementation efforts for [SB22-192](#) (Opportunities for Credential Attainment). The Stackable Credential Pathways Steering Committee has met twice and will continue to meet virtually every two months. All five of the industry leadership teams met for the first time in late January - these teams will meet virtually each month for the next 18 months to build out at least two stackable credential pathways for each industry. There is strong representation across all five industry teams from CSU, CU, CCCS, and CMC; there is some representation from CMU, ASU, and UNC; and there is little to no representation from Aims, MSU Denver, and the technical colleges. Ruthanne will be sending out lists of those who are serving to each institution's CAO - GE Council representatives requested to be included in these emails. There is still time to recommend participants for all teams (steering committee and industry teams). Ruthanne also informed Council members about recent hiring - the Education Pathways Coordinator position has been filled.

4. Proposed Fac2Fac framework/content - Friday, April 14
Ruthanne informed Council members a Fac2Fac convening around stackable credential pathways in the five industry areas - behavioral health, healthcare, cybersecurity, programming/developer, and education - will be held on Friday, April 14. This will likely be an all-day, in-person convening to be held in the Denver metro area. Additional details regarding who should be invited to this convening will be forthcoming.
5. [Revision of AP African American Studies course framework](#)
Suzanne McGurk, Senior Director of AP Higher Education Policy and Community College Engagement, provided an update on the [recent statement](#) made by College Board officials. While GE Council members are confident there is still alignment with GT-SS3, they asked for statewide faculty to review the revised framework to reaffirm alignment with GT Pathways. Council members also asked College Board staff to revisit the crosswalk that was originally provided with the GT-SS3 recommendation - would GT-HI1 be a better fit? Crosswalks for both GT-SS3 and GT-HI1 would help statewide faculty determine where the course would fit best. Suzanne stated that she would work to provide updated crosswalks by the next GE Council meeting.
6. STAA Updates (Christina Carrillo, CDHE)
 - a. Economics
CDHE staff are attempting to resolve remaining issues with the faculty group via email after a scheduled convening was cancelled due to a conflict with an event many faculty members were planning to attend.
 - b. Biology
The Biology faculty met virtually on Friday, February 3 to consider the feedback from GE Council on the previous proposed revisions. The group ultimately decided to revert back to one agreement instead of trying to create two separate Biology STAAs or two tracks with the STAA. The group is currently reviewing the proposed revisions with their respective departmental colleagues to either affirm their support of the changes or communicate any remaining concerns. We will hopefully bring this for full review next month.
 - c. Removal Notification Form
Form still in development.
7. STAA/DwD Data Presentation (Chris Rasmussen, CDHE)
This agenda item was not ready for presentation this month.
8. New and closed GT Pathways courses

New
None

Closed
None