



**General Education Council**  
**January 8, 2024 - 1:00 - 4:00pm**  
Colorado Department of Higher Education  
Remote ONLY

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**AGENDA -- NOTES**

**I. GREETINGS & INTRODUCTIONS**

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

In attendance: Wayne Artis (CFAC-PPSC); Kelsey Bennett (WCU); MaryAnn Blitt (CCCS-CCD); Morgan Bridge (CMU); Helen Caprioglio (CSU-P); Liz Cox (CSM); Maureen Durkin (CU-SYS); Brandon Feres (CCCS-CCA); Jacque' Gaiters-Jordan (CCCS-PPSC); Karla Hardesty (CMC); Alex Ilyasova (UCCS); Danen Jobe (CCCS); Mike Lightner (CU-SYS); Nancy Matchett (UNC); Pete McCormick (FLC); Beth Myers (CU Denver); Katherine Olson (CSU-G); Scott Reichel (Aims); Nick Saenz (ASU); Shaun Schafer (MSU Denver); Vivian Shyu (CFAC-CU Denver); Chelsea Stow (CCCS-FRCC); Patrick Tally (CU Boulder); Susan Young (CCCS-CCA); Ayelet Zur-Nayberg (CCCS); Abbey Ivey (SRS); Christina Carrillo (CDHE); Carl Einhaus (CDHE); Allana Farley (CDHE)

**II. Adoption of last meeting's notes**

1. [\[See handout: 2023-12-11- GE Council - NOTES.pdf\]](#)  
Notes approved

**III. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**IV. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

1. GT Pathways credit for world language study: 1000 vs. 2000 level courses proposal (Danen Jobe, CCCS)



Danen introduced MaryAnn Blitt, state discipline chair (SDC) for World Languages, to discuss the state of the discipline over the last few years. MaryAnn indicated that nationally, student enrollment has been declining. In Colorado, part of the problem may be due to the inability for students to receive GT Pathways credit for 1000-level courses (1010/1020). Previously, this was due to the written communication competency that was a part of the category; however, when GT Pathways was revised in 2016, written communication was excluded as a competency for GT-AH4.

Council members discussed the possibility of their four-year institutions being open to awarding students' credit for the second semester of the first year of a world language. Changes to the content and competencies for GT-AH4 would need to occur before students could begin to earn GT Pathways credit for 1020 world language courses (i.e., a world language 2:4 would need to be scheduled). GE Council member Nancy Matchett has volunteered to help assist a future 2:4 discussion.

2. Proposed new GT-AH1 course: COM 2400 Argumentation & Debate (Danen Jobe, CCCS)

Danen introduced Dr. Chelsea Stow, SDC for Communication, to answer questions from Council members regarding the course. Council members were provided a sample syllabus and asked general questions on how the course met the content and competencies of GT-AH1. After Dr. Stow provided an initial overview, Council members requested to see a more detailed syllabus. Dr. Stow stated that she would supply one to Department staff for distribution. Dr. Stow will return next month to answer questions, if needed.

3. General education credential update (Allana Farley, CDHE)

Allana presented the final draft of the general education credential framework from the task force. The final proposal includes all the same components that were presented last month, with the exception of the 15-credit microcredential. Next steps include working with a technical assistance company to develop a branding and outreach strategy.

4. 2024 Legislative session preview (Carla Blanc, CDHE)

This was not discussed as Department staff were unavailable.

5. AP African American Studies Review - Friday, February 9: 1:00 pm

Christina reminded Council members that the Department would be reconvening faculty on Friday, February 9 to review the updated course framework for AP African American Studies and to provide a final recommendation on GT Pathways credit. She encouraged Council members to consider targeted outreach for this convening and consider inviting academic advisors and staff involved with curricular mapping, cross-walking, and credit transfer in addition to faculty in the areas of African American studies, history, and other social studies-related fields.



Calendar invites and pre-read materials will be sent out by the end of this week.

6. Fac2Fac conference update - Friday, March 8, Auraria Campus  
Christina informed Council members that the spring Fac2Fac has a finalized date and location: Friday, March 8 at St. Cajetan's on the Auraria Campus. The conference will focus and celebrate the innovations on credentialing that have occurred over the past year. Additional details with registration information are forthcoming.
7. STAA updates (Christina Carrillo, CDHE)  
Christina reminded Council members about the upcoming STAA reviews scheduled for this semester.
  - History: January 26, 1:00 pm
  - Music: February 2, 9:00 am
  - Spanish: February 2, 1:00 pm
  - Studio Art: February 16, 9:00 am
  - Theatre: February 16, 1:00 pm
  - Institutional Approval process  
7 agreements - Agriculture Business, Agricultural Education, Animal Science, Art History, Horticulture Business Management, Mathematics, and Soil & Crop Sciences - will begin the institutional approval process, starting February 5. Christina reminded Council members of this process.
  - CCHE policy revisions  
DHE staff will begin the process of codifying the STAA revision practices into the Statewide Transfer and GT Pathways policy this spring.
8. New and closed GT Pathways courses

New  
None

Closed  
None

