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AGENDA -- NOTES

I. GREETINGS & INTRODUCTIONS

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

In attendance: Wayne Artis (CFAC-PPSC); Juliet Beckman (CCCS-ACC); Kelsey Bennett (WCU); MaryAnn Blitt (CCCS-CCD); Morgan Bridge (CMU); Helen Caprioglio (CSU-P); Charlie Couch (UNC); Jacquelyn Gaiter-Jordan (CCCS-PPSC); Danen Jobe (CCCS); Mike Lightner (CU-SYS); Nancy Matchett (UNC); Beth Myers (CU Denver); Katherine Olson (CSU-G); Kathryn Regjo (CMC); Scott Reichel (Aims); Nick Saenz (ASU); Shaun Schafer (MSU Denver); Vivian Shyu (CFAC-CU Denver); Tom Siller (CSU); Chelsea Stow (CCCS-FRCC); Patrick Tally (CU Boulder); Gary Walker (CCCS-PPSC); Susan Young (CCCS-CCA); Abbey Ivey (SRS); Vanessa Keadle (SRS); Christina Carrillo (CDHE); Allana Farley (CDHE); Ruthanne Orihuela (CDHE); Kim Poast (CDHE)

II. Adoption of last meeting's notes

1. [\[See handout: 2024-01-08- GE Council - NOTES.pdf\]](#)
Notes approved

III. INFORMATION ITEMS

IV. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. General education credential framework focus groups (Student-Ready Strategies)



- DHE staff introduced Dr. Abbey Ivey and Dr. Vanessa Keadle from Student-Ready Strategies (SRS), the technical assistance company that will be working with the Department on the outreach and branding strategy for the general education credential framework. Dr. Ivey and Dr. Keadle explained the purpose of the focus groups and the questions that would be asked. Christina then separated the meeting attendees into two breakout rooms for 20-30 minutes.
2. **Proposed new GT-AH1 course: COM 2400 Argumentation & Debate**
After distributing the detailed syllabus for COM 2400 for review last month, Christina informed Council members that the Department received feedback and invited Dr. Chelsea Stow, state discipline chair (SDC) for Communication, to return to answer additional questions. Council members expressed concern with how the course demonstrated meeting the content and competencies of GT-AH1. Dr. Stow and Council members engaged in a brief discussion regarding different ways the course demonstrates GT-AH1 content and competencies. Ultimately, Council members and DHE staff suggested resubmitting the course under a different GT Pathways category, such as GT-SS3, as the course will not be approved for GT-AH1 as it is currently proposed.
 3. **GT Pathways credit for world language study: 1000 vs. 2000 level courses proposal**
There appears to be even more support for a World Languages 2:4 convening this spring after meeting with the Spanish faculty for their STAA review earlier this month. Christina initially informed Council members that spring may be too soon to organize and coordinate a meeting. Council members assured DHE staff that a virtual meeting in April would be enough time to organize faculty and others to attend - and then organize and coordinate a follow-up in-person meeting for fall. Ideally, Council members would like to have new standards in place to award GT Pathways credit for 1000-level World Languages courses for fall 2025.

- Christina encouraged Council members to begin sending her their World Languages faculty information, should they already know it. Christina will work with Chris to narrow down a date for early April and inform Council members by the next meeting.
4. **Proposed removal of Community College of Aurora (CCA) from the STAA in Psychology (AS) (Danen Jobe, CCCS)**
Danen informed Council members that CCA has expressed interest in being removed from the STAA in Psychology (AS) due to low enrollment in the program. Council members and DHE staff asked if CCA can offer the courses that are listed on the STAA with sufficient frequency to allow a student to complete the associate degree within two years of full-time enrollment - the revised agreement will now include PSY 2221



Social Psychology - as not all four-year institutions are on the Psychology (AA) STAA. Susan Young, Dean of Academic Success at CCA, informed Council members that yes, at this time, CCA can offer the courses listed on the STAA; however, due to low enrollment in the program it is difficult to do the assessment that is required. Council members and DHE staff engaged in a robust discussion regarding the statutory requirements for institutional participation on STAAs - ultimately, an institution cannot be removed from an STAA unless they cease to offer the required courses with sufficient frequency to allow a student to complete the associate degree within two years of full-time enrollment (community colleges) or the articulated degree program no longer exists (four-year institution).

5. Proposed addition of Otero College to the STAAs in Communication and Theatre (Danen Jobe, CCCS)

Danen informed Council members that Otero College expressed interest in joining the STAAs in Communication and Theatre. He stated that faculty in both disciplines recently affirmed they can offer the courses required with sufficient frequency to allow a student to complete the associate degree within two years of full-time enrollment.

Christina will open a 30-day public comment window by emailing the Academic Council this week. We will return to this agenda item next month for discussion and affirmation.

6. Proposed mathematics requirement update at the University of Colorado Colorado Springs (UCCS) on the STAA in Business

Christina informed Council members that the Department received notification of an institutional curricular change for the STAA in Business: beginning Fall 2024, UCCS will be lowering the math requirement, as they will no longer require MAT 1400 Survey of Calculus as part of their BS in Business; they will now require MAT 1340 College Algebra as a minimum.

This prompted a larger, more general question regarding STAAs - what constitutes a technical change? Technical changes, such as adding and/or removing institutions, require a 30-day comment window to be opened. Council members engaged in a brief discussion regarding this question and agreed that institutional curricular changes should be treated in the same manner. Christina will open a 30-day comment period regarding the proposed changes to the STAA in Business and return next month for discussion and affirmation.

7. Fac2Fac conference update - Friday, March 8, Auraria Campus
Christina and Ruthanne reviewed the draft agenda for the upcoming Fac2Fac conference on Friday, March 8.
8. STAA updates (Christina Carrillo, CDHE)



Christina informed Council members of three important STAA updates for this week:

- The requests for Provost/CAO signatures for 8 agreements - Biology, Chemistry, Communication, Economics, Geography, Psychology (AA), Psychology (AS), and Sociology - will be going out.
- Institutional approvals for 7 agreements - Ag Business, Ag Education, Animal Science, Art History, Horticulture Business Management, Mathematics, and Soil & Crop Sciences - will also be going out.

Christina also informed Council members that some of their faculty members have been declining calendar invites for STAA reviews without finding a replacement - please encourage your faculty members to find a replacement if they are unable to attend.

9. New and closed GT Pathways courses

New

Fort Lewis College

- GT-AH1: ART 228 Introduction to Visual Culture (3)
- GT-AH1: HON 210 Landscapes of Learning (3)
- GT-HI1: NAIS 202 History of Native American Education (3)
- GT-SS3: AE 105 Spirit of Adventure (3)

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- GT-CO3: ENG 2020 Reading and Writing Popular Culture (3)
- GT-HI1: HIS 1032 Islam in History: From the Prophet to the Present (3)
- GT-SS3: PUB 1000 Principles of Public Health (3)

Closed

None

