



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); Kelsey Bennett (WCU); Helen Caprioglio (CSU-P); Charlie Couch (UNC); Liz Cox (CSM); Kristen Cusack (CCCS-CCA); Maureen Durkin (CU-SYS); Danen Jobe (CCCS); Mike Lightner (CU-SYS); Nancy Matchett (UNC); Peter McCormick (FLC); Beth Myers (CU Denver); Katherine Olson (CMC); Nick Saenz (ASU); Shaun Schafer (MSU Denver); Vivian Shyu (CFAC-CU Denver); Michelle Stanley (CSU); Patrick Tally (CU Boulder); Susan Taylor (UCCS); Gary Walker (PPSC); Susan Young (CCCS-CCA); Christina Carrillo (CDHE); Sam Fogleman (CDHE); Kim Poast (CDHE)

II. Adoption of last meeting's notes

1. [\[See handout: 2024-06-10- GE Council - NOTES.pdf\]](#)
Notes approved

III. INFORMATION ITEMS

IV. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. SB24-164 open discussion: tentative fall calendar
Christina provided an overview of the identified tasks in SB24-164 for the Department and for GE Council, along with additional identified tasks councilmembers are already committed to (e.g., STAA reviews, world languages 2:4 follow up meeting). She then reviewed the dates for the



fall semester that have been identified as possible dates for completing this work. Christina engaged Council members in a brief discussion regarding a date for a retreat - Council members expressed a desire to have a retreat as early in the semester as possible. It was suggested to use the Council's September 9 meeting for the retreat - possible topics include the structure and configuration of the Council, given its expansion this year; and the structure and configuration of SB24-164 work. Council members also inquired about the status of the expansion - DHE and CCCS staff have met and discussed councilmember duties and responsibilities and provided guidance regarding their efforts. Council members also requested that the November meeting be moved from November 11 to November 18. Christina informed Council members that she would need to check with Chris before making this decision.

2. TREP (Teacher Recruitment Education and Preparation) program created by SB21-185: increasing interest and need for additional/special policies for managing U17 population?

DHE staff received an inquiry regarding the increasing interest around the TREP program, which was created specifically for high school students who are interested in the educator preparation pathway. It is similar to ASCENT, allowing students up to two years after their twelfth-grade year, to have their tuition paid for by the state. Nancy Matchett with UNC informed Council members that this increase in interest in the program has also led to an increase in underage (i.e., those under 18) students who are interested in living on campus. Nancy asked Council members for guidance on how other institutions around the state may be handling similar situations or have handled them in the past. Are there policies on students who matriculate before they are 18 years old? Sam Fogleman, Director of Educator Pathways and Workforce Policy, informed Council members that while the TREP program was initially designed for students to be completed at the community college, there is nothing precluding TREP students from completing courses at four-year institutions so long as the institutions provide the courses at the community college rate. Similar to ASCENT, TREP students do not receive their high school diploma until they complete the program.

3. Proposed amendment of the University of Northern Colorado to the STAA in Computer Science (Nancy Matchett, UNC)

Nancy informed Council members that UNC has a new Bachelor of Science in Computer Science, which was first offered last fall. The growth of enrollment in this program has prompted UNC to propose two amendments to the STAA in Computer Science: 1) remove the current listing of BS Mathematics/Applied Math emphasis and add the new BS Computer Science; and 2) require UNC to be added to the list of



institutions that require MAT 2540 Linear Algebra. In addition to these proposed changes from UNC, Beth Myers and Liz Cox asked if the University of Colorado Denver and the Colorado School of Mines could also be included in the proposed institutional changes that would be announced, respectively. Beth provided minor prescribed curriculum changes for CU Denver, while Liz requested that Mines be removed from the STAA, stating that Computer Science transfer students are better served through the Associate of Engineering Science (AES), which eliminated extra courses that are not required by Mines.

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

4. Proposed removal of Otero College from the STAAs in Computer Science, Horticulture Business Management, Journalism, Public Health, and Sociology (Danen Jobe, CCCS)

Danen informed Council members that Otero College is seeking to be removed from the above-mentioned STAAs due to not being able to offer the required courses. He stated that there is little to no enrollment in some of the courses, prompting a discussion on how online courses play a role so that colleges can stay on an STAA. Council members then engaged in a brief discussion regarding ways to think more creatively about how to report STAA successes: are they making transfer transparency better or harder? STAAs don't provide the whole picture on transfer, prompting a better need for data. Council members and DHE staff encouraged a deeper discussion with someone from Otero present before making a final decision to remove them from all the STAAs. We will return to this agenda item for further discussion next month.

5. KIM POAST FINAL MEETING!!

Council members offered their heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to Dr. Kim Poast as she retires from public service at the end of this month. The General Education Council profoundly thanks Dr. Poast for her many years of dedication and service to the students of Colorado.

6. New and closed GT Pathways courses

New
None

Closed
None

