



## GE Council

**October 8, 2012, 1:00-4:00pm**  
Department of Higher Education  
1560 Broadway – Suite 1600  
Denver, CO

### AGENDA

- I. Greetings and Introductions
- II. Adoption of last meeting's notes – September 10, 2012 [See handout: *September 10 minutes*]
- III. Information Items
  - A. October 12 Faculty-to-Faculty discipline groups and GEC reps:
    1. BFA/BA Graphic Design (Art) – Sandy V. & John L.
    2. BA/BS/BM/BMus Music – Jeff L. & Scott T.
    3. ~~Philosophy – Tom S., Rhonda E. & Erin F.~~
    4. BFA/BA Theatre – Wayne A. & Nish N.
- IV. Discussion/Action Items
  - A. Notification Form for Changes to gtPathways Course List – Fort Lewis College [See handout: *Notification form for changes to gtPathways - FLC*]
  - B. Checklist for Compliance with State Law and Policy Regarding gtPathways and Transfer [See handouts: *Checklist for Compliance...* and *Checklist Letter*]
    - Revised checklists and a letter were sent to Academic Council September 20, 2012.
    - Responses to revised checklist received from: ASU, CMU & MSU Denver.
    - Question for consideration:
      1. Must the course intended to meet the GT-HI1 requirement have a HIST prefix or be offered by the History Department?
      2. Do we agree that in C.R.S. 23-1-108.5(5), “course numbering system” means GT-CO1, GT-MA1, etc. (item #6 on checklist).
      3. Do we agree that in C.R.S. 23-1-125(1)(e), “core course requirements” means gtPathways requirements (item #2 on checklist).
      4. 60 + 60 Transfer Agreements
        - Must a 60 credit AA be possible or is it okay to go over 1 or more credits?

- In the case where the number of credits left to complete is not divisible by 3, is an acceptable solution to list them as “Remaining electives for Associate’s degree” and under “Cr Hrs” state “<however many credits are left over to equal 60>?” [See handout: *example\_60+60 German-BA*]
- What is a reasonable process for moving ahead to ensure the 60+60’s are really 60+60?

**C.R.S. §23-1-125(1)(d)** Students have a right to know which courses are transferable among the state public two-year and four-year institutions of higher education;

**CCHE Policy I, L: 5.05 Transfer Guides:** Each institution is responsible for implementing a Transfer Guide for each CCHE-approved baccalaureate degree program unless a statewide articulation agreement is in place. The Transfer Guide shall be designed so that a student can complete a baccalaureate program in no more than 120 credit hours unless there are additional graduation requirements recognized by the Commission. The transfer guide defines the 29 credit hours required beyond the state guaranteed general education credits and may include required courses in the major or prerequisite courses for admission into the degree program. The transfer guides are to be on file with CCHE.

- Previous questions that now appear to be answered:
  1. Not all courses in an institution’s Gen Ed core need be gtPathways approved but they must have been submitted for approval at one time (Performance Contracts, Section 1, item 1.2 for most institutions).
  2. In statutes where it states the two- and four-year caps on degrees, the previous idea was to change it to 60 and 120 credit cap. DHE thinks it’s better to spell this out in CCHE Policy I, L: Statewide Transfer Policy... Ian will add this idea to a working draft of the policy revision for later consideration.
  3. In regards to item #2 on the checklist, all IHEs will have met this when they are aligned to gtPathways.
  4. In regards to item #8 on checklist, IHEs do not have to allow students to test out of EVERY core course and IHEs get to choose instruments.

### C. ARTICULATION AGREEMENTS

1. **Phase 4: Procurement of Signatures – NONE**
2. **Phase 3: Final Review - NONE**
5. **Phase 2: ICIR**
  - a. **Criminal Justice** –
    - Returned to Phase 2; Phase 2, V.7 was sent to discipline group on 8/8/12 (this email forwarded to GEC on 8/9/12) – deadline for response 9/5/12. Have heard from CMC, CMU, MSU Denver, UCD, AIMS.
    - Community College CRJ faculty submitted a proposal, 10/3/12, which includes the same number of CRJ courses but provides more choice and flexibility for colleges & students. [See handout: *Statewide Transfer*

6. **Phase 1: Curriculum Worksheet Creation & Verification**
  - a. **Agriculture** – GEC reps will attend the state AG meeting on October 19.
  - b. **Art History** – will reconvene at spring 2013 F2F.
  - b. **Biology/Chemistry/Physics** – will reconvene at spring 2013 F2F.
  - c. **Communication** – VERIFIED CWS re-sent 8/16/12 to Erin F., Wayne A., and Tom S. for follow-up with UNC; rec'd footnote language from UCD and will incorporate it into CWS.
  - d. **English** – Richard Nishikawa was to review all email discussions to this point; Nish was also to talk to John Lanning re UCD's new issue. Nish and John were to report back to GEC. Sent reminder email + docs to Nish and John on 9/14/12.
  - e. **Geography** – draft CWS, V.3 has been verified by all schools present at the F2F; now approval must be sought from UNC – the only school that did not attend. Maia needs to send reminder email to UNC.
  - f. **Geology** – draft CWS has been VERIFIED by all schools present at the F2F; VERIFIED CWS now needs to be sent to those schools with Geology degrees who were not present: UNC, WSCU.
  - g. **Philosophy** – CSU-FC concerns have been resolved; agreement will move forward.
  - h. **Studio Art** – will reconvene at spring 2013 F2F.

V. Other Business?