



GE Council

September 10, 2012, 1:00-4:00pm

Department of Higher Education
1560 Broadway – Suite 1600
Denver, CO

MINUTES

I. Greetings and Introductions

Gerri Anderson (CCCS)
Wayne Artis (CFAC-PPCC)
David Moon (UCCS)
Rhonda Epper (CCCS)
Erin Frew (CSU-P)
John Lanning (UCD)
Alan Lamborn (CSU-FC)
Jeff London (CFAC-MSU Denver)
Patricia Manzanares-Gonzales (WSCU)
Barbara Morris (FLC)
Richard Nishikawa (UCB)
Jeff Reynolds (AIMS)
Todd Ruskell (CSM)
Sunny Schmitt (CMC)
Tom Smith (UNC)
Scott Thompson (CCCS-NJC)
Sheila Thompson (MSU Denver)
Sandy Veltri (CCCS-FRCC)
Steve Werman (CMU)
Kathleen Bollard (CU System)
Ian Macgillivray (DHE)
Brittany Lane (DHE)
Maia Blom (DHE)

II. Adoption of last meeting's notes – July 9, 2012 [See handout: *July 9 minutes*] **Adopted.**

III. October 8 is Columbus Day and November 12 is Veteran's Day—DHE will be closed. What to do?
Keep meetings on calendar. Ian and Maia will attend!

IV. Information Items

A. **October 12** Faculty-to-Faculty discipline groups – need to assign GEC reps:

- a. **Graphic Design (Art) – John Lanning, Sandy Veltri**
 - Issue of traditional v. computer-related emphasis needs to be considered.
 - Portfolio review must be included in articulation agreement. Maia will add this to this agreement template so discipline group is sure to see it.
 - CCCS will send sample MGD (multimedia graphic design) degree plans for distribution to Graphic Design faculty prior to the conference.
 - BA, BS, BFA degrees will be considered in initial discussions.
- b. **Music – Jeff London, Scott Thompson**
 - BA, BS, BM, BFA degrees will be considered in initial discussions.
 - Audition must be included in articulation agreement. Maia will add this to this agreement template so discipline group is sure to see it.
- c. **Philosophy – Tom Smith, Rhonda Epper, Erin Frew**
- d. **Theatre – Wayne Artis, Richard Nishikawa**
 - BFA and BA (any BS?) degrees will be considered.

V. Discussion/Action Items

A. Checklist for Compliance with State Law and Policy Regarding gtPathways and Transfer [See handout: *Checklist...*]

- Responses received from: CSU ~~System~~ **Pueblo** and MSU Denver.
- Idea for GEC to present to the Senate/House Education committees on how well gtPathways, transfer and Statewide Articulation Agreements are working.
- Reason for the checklist is to come to common understandings of statute and policy.
- Ian will revise and resend updated checklists based on inclusion of items from each institution's/system's Performance Contract.
- The Checklist:
 - Publishing the Student Bill of Rights [§23-1-125(1)(a-g)] in catalogs and on websites will satisfy **Nos. 1, 3, and 9** of the Checklist.
 - **No. 2** – all agreed “core,” as used in this statute, is gtPathways curriculum.
 - **No. 4** – discussion regarding requiring History in the core course requirements.
 - **No. 5** – no issues.
 - **No. 6** – the “course numbering system” is the gtPathways numbering system, i.e. GT-CO1, GT-AH4, etc.
 - **No. 7** – no issues; this is the “approved courses list.”
 - **No. 8** – discussion re which courses can be “tested out” of – not every course has a “test-out” option. Not every test-out option has to be used by each IHE. DHE is inclined at this point to agree that IHEs should choose the instrument as well as which courses students may test out of.
 - **No. 10** – no issues.

B. Degrees with emphasis or concentration participating in agreements

[See handout: *Procedures for Identifying “Common Degree Programs”*]

- Committee = Scott, Jeff, Nish, Alan & Kevin

- “Procedures” adopted with the addition of a No. 6: “Once this process has been completed the GE Council decision is final.”
- This document should be included in the Faculty-to-Faculty packets; attached to the Faculty-to-Faculty invitation, and posted on DHE’s website.

C. ARTICULATION AGREEMENTS

1. Engineering Agreement

- The Engineering Articulation Agreement needs to be re-visited to address its confusing language.
- Engineering faculty should re-convene at the spring 2013 Faculty-to-Faculty conference to re-think the agreement and to review what might replace it.
- GEC reps will investigate the status of engineering degrees on their campuses.
- Maia will send a reminder email to GEC reps to have these Engineering discussions on their campuses.
- Discussion re “Are gtPathways courses accepted for general education core or for major requirements?” All agreed the only guarantee in gtPathways is for the general education core curriculum.
- Suggestion made to consider the concurrent enrollment model used by PPCC/UCCS for a new Engineering articulation agreement.
 - Will a waiver from CCHE for non-LAS degrees mean that the institution does not have to accept gtPathways courses that are already a part of that degree?
 - Example: If a student takes *PHY 211: Physics: Calculus based I* at CCCS and transfers to Mines, should Mines accept it in place of their *PHGN 100: Physics I – Mechanics*, both of which are approved GT-SC1 courses but are not necessarily equivalent?
 - Would a CCHE waiver from having to comply with gtPathways because it’s a non-LAS degree affect this? The fact that gtPathways applies only to gen ed core may already address this.
 - The CSM Statewide Transfer Course Agreement on DHE’s website states, “The following courses will be accepted by the Colorado School of Mines upon transfer from any school included in the Statewide Engineering Articulation Agreement provided necessary conditions are met.” [See handout: *CSM State Recognized Gen Ed for Engineering Courses*]. The language, “...provided necessary conditions are met” is problematic. Is it guaranteed, or not?

2. **TEMPLATE** – Verify revisions made to template

[See handout: *TEMPLATE – FINAL-FINAL2 – 2012-07-09*]

- Revisions to template are approved; couple additional revisions suggested.

3. **Phase 4: Procurement of Signatures – NONE**

4. **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 only heard from CMC, CMU, MSUD.
[See handout: 8/8/12 email to CRJ discipline group with attached draft agreement]
- New discipline group members will be addressed at the fall 2 + 2 conference being held at the end of September.
 - Need to continue with the review process.
6. **Phase 1: Curriculum Worksheet Creation & Verification**
- a. **Agriculture** – update?
- The GEC reps (Alan Lamborn, Jeff Reynolds, Scott Thompson) were not invited to the August agriculture meeting. They will attend the October 19 meeting. These agreements appear to be moving forward.
- b. **Art History** – Still on hold until DWE subcommittee has come up with a protocol.
- Given new Procedures for Identifying “Common Degree Programs,” Art History will reconvene at spring 2013 conference.
- c. **Biology/Chemistry/Physics** – to be reconvened at spring 2013 Fac-to-Fac. Update on summer Chemistry discussions?
- Beth Bean and Nakia Collins, DHE, presented the findings of DHE’s study, *Online versus Traditional Learning: A Comparison Study of Colorado Community College Science Classes*. The big take-away was, “There were no statistically significant differences in students’ Science GPAs across instructional method (online vs. traditional). This finding suggests that online CCCS students perform just as well in Science classes at four-year institutions as their on-campus counterparts. Further, there were no significant differences in Biology, Chemistry and Physics GPAs between online and traditional students.”
 - DHE will work with CCCS and the 4-year institutions to add PHYS 211 & 212 students into the analysis. Ian sent the reports to GEC 9-11-12.
 - Chemistry: John Lanning and Martha Jackson-Carter are preparing a draft articulation agreement for review at the spring conference.
- d. **Communication** – VERIFIED CWS sent to GEC reps (Erin F. and Wayne A.) for follow-up with those campuses not present at F2F – UNC; cc’d Tom Smith as well.
- Maia will remind UNC to respond.
- e. **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 to Nish and John on 8/16/12.
- Maia will re-send this information to Nish and John.
- f. **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 will remind UNC to respond.

- g. **Geology** – draft CWS sent to discipline group on 5/4/12; deadline 5/21/12. Re-sent on 5/29/12; draft CWS re-sent to CCA & PPCC on 6/14/12 and 8/16/12; still waiting to hear from CCA.
 - **Maia will remind CCA to respond.**
- h. **Philosophy** – set to re-convene at Oct 2012 F2F to address: 1) which (level 200?) Philosophy courses will satisfy all majors, and 2) Dr. Archie’s questions/concerns. [See handouts: 1) *Philosophy – Phase 1 Draft CWS, V.3 – 2012-04-10*; 2) *Philosophy – Draft CWS Emails*]
- i. **Studio Art** – draft CWS, V.2 sent 5/29/12; deadline June 1, 2012. Re-sent 6/5/12; deadline 6/8/2012. Need to hear from Aims, CCD, FRCC, OJC, PPCC, CMU, CSU-FC, CSU-P, UNC. Draft CWS, V.2 re-sent 6/14/12 and 8/16/12. Still need to hear from CMU, CSU-FC.
 - **Given new Procedures for Identifying “Common Degree Programs,” Studio Art will reconvene at spring 2013 conference.**

VI. Other Business?