

## Academic Council

November 8, 2016  
1:00-3:00pm

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### Agenda

1. Greetings and Introductions – *Tim Flanagan, CDHE*
2. Approval of Last Meeting’s Notes [see handout: 2016-09-13- NOTES-AC- Draft] – *Tim Flanagan, CDHE*
3. HLC Instructor Requirements – *William Tammone or Casey Sacks, CCCS and Tim Flanagan, CDHE*
  - HLC Faculty Qualifications may be interpreted differently by institutions which leads to inconsistency and complaints from the K12 teachers who get hired as adjunct faculty and get mixed messages.
  - HLC requirements are: If the courses are being offered for credit and count towards a college degree, then the HLC credentialing requirements should be followed wherever, whenever, and however the course is offered. If the courses are noncredit (like some extended studies courses), then the credentialing requirements would not apply.
4. Prior Learning Assessment Policy Update – *Ian Macgillivray, CDHE*
  - October 21, 2016 Colorado Adult Learning Symposium
  - November 4, 2016 CLEP & DSST Faculty Conference
  - December 12, 2016 Constituent Review Team (GE Council will meet that morning)
  - Non-standardized amounts of credit in [AP & IB tables](#) causing transfer problems. [See [handout: student complaint re AP credit.pdf](#)]. Potential solutions:
    - i. Standardize amounts of credits by going with the highest amount of credit any one institution awards; or
    - ii. Make explicit in PLA and GT Pathways/Transfer policies that receiving institutions will honor the decisions/credit awarded of the sending institutions.
  - Relatedly, can we add to the tables the other [AP](#) and [IB](#) exams that could qualify for GT Pathways credit?

“Last, one of the main goals directing this work is to ensure that PLA credits earned at one public institution will be accepted in transfer and apply to equivalent general education requirements at any receiving public institution and to unify equivalently applied cut scores for major and elective credit to the greatest extent possible.” – last sentence of summary of CCHE’s approved process for a PLA policy. CCHE meeting May 8, 2015, Agenda Item 5A

5. New GT Pathways “Approval” Process – *Ian Macgillivray, CDHE*
  - [\[See handout: New GT Pathways Announcement from CDHE.docx\]](#).
6. Idea: Spring 2017 Guided Pathways to Success (GPS) Convening—*Tim Flanagan, CDHE*
7. Idea: General Studies Certificate for GT Pathways Completers – *Mike Lightner, CU System and CDHE Staff*
  - Brainstorm pros and cons for a [GT Pathways-aligned](#) undergraduate certificate.