

AGENDA
GE 25 Council
June 12, 2006
1:00pm
CCHE Conference Room B

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Action Items:

* Broad Policy Statement for review of course nominations, (to be given as a charge to faculty reviewers at this fall's (and future) gtPathways reviews:

Policy statement for review of course nominations:

- 1. In keeping with the spirit and stated intent of the gtPathways curriculum, faculty reviewers are required to consider all courses nominated for inclusion in gtPathways only on the merits of their compliance with Content and Competency criteria. Content and Competency Criteria in gtPathways are not based on course prefix. The gtPathways review process does not consider such institutional issues as prerequisites or credentials of faculty teaching the course. The issue of whether a course is properly a general education course is a decision for the submitting institution, not faculty reviewers.**
- 2. gtPathways is not an interdisciplinary curriculum, nor does it allow for courses to be nominated in more than one category. The focus or primary emphasis of a course must clearly lead to learning outcomes that lie in the one content category for which it has been nominated.**
- 3. In the case of courses previously nominated but not recommended for inclusion in gtPathways, faculty reviewers will evaluate them only on the basis of whether or not the submitting institution has adequately addressed the reasons for which the course was not previously recommended.**

(Thank you to David, Linda and Wayne for taking the time to author this policy statement).

* Request from Communication Content Group to insert the word written throughout the Content criteria and wherever the word "communication" appears (see attached draft of minutes).

Information Items:

* All gtPathways courses were formally recommended for placement into the gtPathways curriculum, bring our total course listings to 597.

* The webpage is not currently down, but it is under construction, (and there should be a disclaimer attesting to such that folks can access when they visit the site). As campus personnel are in the process of up-dating catalogs, I'm requesting that any/all questions seeking clarification regarding information currently posted at the site please contact me, (my contact information is currently available at the site).

*** The Arts and Humanities faculty who were present at the April 14 meeting in Denver unanimously supported the following:**

Percentage of written work that should be required in Arts and Humanities/gtPathways courses: 50% to include formal essays written outside of class, formal analyses, essay test questions and study questions.

An additional comment from some faculty relates to the syllabi for course recommended for inclusion in gtPathways:

The course requirements for every course should be listed and described in detail sufficient for both students and reviewers to understand the content, format, and purpose and how the course meets the specific competencies (i.e., reading, writing, critical thinking) established for courses in the category.

(Any discussion needed on the above/official GE 25 action needed?)

Discussion Items/Questions: (Continuation of April 10th meeting discussions):

* Should we have both July and August 2006 meetings?

* Should "Studio Courses" be considered for review in gtPathways reviews (Submitted by John Lanning, discuss established practice by previous AHUM review committees).

* Communication Content Committee requests a rationale about why the "placement" courses of communications, mathematics, and modern languages are treated differently in gtPathways. (see attached draft of minutes).

* CCHE sponsored "workshops" relating to gtPathways (Request submitted by John Lanning). Note: I realize we discussed this a few months back and the thinking at the time was that such a thing wasn't necessary, however, John believes that the workshops would be helpful....any other thoughts?)

- The King Bill and (4) *Competency testing. THE COMMISSION SHALL, IN CONSULTATION WITH EACH PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, DEFINE A PROCESS FOR STUDENTS TO TEST OUT OF CORE COURSES, INCLUDING SPECIFYING USE OF A NATIONAL TEST OR THE CRITERIA FOR APPROVING INSTITUTIONALLY DEVISED TESTS. STUDENTS SHALL BE GRANTED CREDIT FOR THE CORE COURSES THEY SUCCESSFULLY TEST OUT OF, FREE OF TUITION FOR THOSE COURSES.*
ITEMS OF CONSIDERATION:

- Statewide Remediation Policy
- King Bill (excerpt/as provided above)
- Internal institutional practices (for placing students in courses)
- Institutional cut scores used to (opt in/test out)
 - * What do your catalogs state w/ regard to English/Math test-out options?

Assignment Items:

- FAQs for gtPathways website (Please send me some sample questions!!)
- Please take a few minutes to periodically review the gtPathways link at the CCHE website (as we will be working on the content for the better part of the summer months). Note that Rita Beachem will be out of the office beginning June 15-July 4, returning July 5, 2006. As she is the web mistress for CCHE, please know that the web page won't see much progress until she returns in July.
- **MARK YOUR CALENDARS! The 2006 Faculty-to-Faculty Conference will be held on Friday October 13, 2006, location TBA.**

<u>2006-2007 gtPathways Review Schedule</u>	
First gtPathways Course Review	Friday September 22, 2006 <u>Submission Deadline:</u> Friday, September 8, 2006
Second gtPathways Course Review	Thursday November 9, 2006 <u>Submission Deadline:</u> Thursday, October 26, 2006
First gtPathways Course Review	Friday February 9, 2007 <u>Submission Deadline:</u> Friday, January 26, 2007
Second gtPathways Course Review	Thursday April 12, 2007 <u>Submission Deadline:</u> Thursday, March 29, 2007

*I will post these dates at the gtPathways website. **ASSIGNMENT-** in the meantime, my request to members of both GE 25 and Academic Council is that they please place these dates on their respective campus calendars so that the recruiting of faculty reviewers can begin ASAP.*

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NEXT MEETING

July 10, 2006