

**GE 25 Council
 March 13, 2006
 MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Attendees:

R. "Nish" Nishikawa, CU-B; John Cooney, CU system; John Lanning, UCDHSC; John Sowell, WSC; Linda Curran, MSCD; Cristina Martinez; Alan Lamborn, CSU-FC; Jeff Reynolds, AIMS; Wayne Artis, PPCC; Kimberly Thompson, CCHE; Roger Carver, CCD; Sherrie Schneider, CCCS ; Frank Novotny, ASC and Gary Gianniny, FLC, phoned in.

The following information items were shared with members of the GE 25 at their March 13, 2006 meeting:

- February 24th Course Review – Total = 126 Courses

**gtPathways
 Course Review, Cycle IV, Round I
 February 24, 2006
 RESULTS**

Content Area	Recommended	Not Recommended	Deferred
Arts & Humanities	9	14	2
Communication	0	1	None
Mathematics	9	3	1
Natural & Physical Sciences	28	7	4
Social & Behavioral Sciences	21	27	None

- ****For individual results by institution, please speak w/ Vicki. I will have the justifications for courses not recommended to the gtPathways curriculum (2/24) compiled and ready to send to the institutions by Friday March 17, 2006.**
- **MARK YOUR CALENDARS! The 2006 Faculty-to-Faculty Conference will be held on Friday October 13, 2006, location TBA.**
- The web page is still under construction. I will post the agreed upon gtPathways Curriculum document (effective fall 2006-ASAP).

The following **Action Items** were addressed and discussed by members of the GE 25 at their March 13, 2006 meeting. A status report of the Action Items is provided in italicized print:

- Review and revise/approve the most recent iteration of the Chair's **(Evaluation) Cover Sheet**: *Changes were made and unanimously agreed upon by the GE 25 membership. Vicki agreed to revise the document accordingly and send it electronically, along with these minutes, to members of the GE 25 for a final read.*

- The members of GE 25 Advisors/Registrars sub-committee of the GE 25 Council are: University of Colorado-Boulder: **Susan Legler**, Office of the Registrar/SIS administrator; **Debbie Otterstrom**, Office of the Registrar/Administrator, SIS course inventory; **Gordon Russell**, Office of the Registrar, Associate Registrar, Academic Scheduling; **Julia Sharpe**, CAS, Degree Audit Liaison. Western State College: **Maryette Rogers**, Registrar; **Matt Estrada**, Asst. Dir. Admissions/Transcript Evaluator. Metro: **Vaughn Toland**, Asst. Dir. Transfer Services/Office of Admissions; **Thomas Gray**, Registrar; **Jeff Johnson**, Assoc. Registrar; **Eugene Ackler**, Asst. Registrar. CSU-Ft. Collins: **Shelly Loomis**, Transfer Evaluation. ASC: **Belen Maestas**. CSU-Pueblo: **Katie Velarde**, Associate Director of Records. We unanimously agreed at our last meeting that this advisory sub-group be electronically facilitated and serve in "cyberspace", I therefore recommended the following: **one**: that we allow all of the above individuals to serve on the advisory sub-committee and **two**: allow the other institutions to nominate representatives to the advisory sub-group and proceed with the establishment of an active list serve whereby questions could be posed and dialog between and among sub-group members and GE 25 representatives be promoted, encouraged and further addressed in GE 25 and with the faculty advisory sub-group. *Note: The following members were added post-meeting : Sherri Waggoner, Registrar, FLC; Holly Teal, Assoc. Registrar, MSC, (effective 3/15/06). GE 25 unanimously agreed to create this advisory sub-group as a list serve. Vicki will proceed with the establishment of the list serve and establish contact with the list serve's members accordingly. An update will be provided at the GE 25's April 2006 meeting.*

- Review and revise/approve the **process and form concerning changes to courses** that are made AFTER they have been recommended for placement into the gtPathways curriculum. *Changes were made and unanimously agreed upon by the GE 25 membership. Vicki agreed to revise the document accordingly and send it electronically, along with these minutes, to members of the GE 25 for a final read.*

- Ask GE 25 members which institutions have such changes (as mentioned in the above agenda item). Decide, post revision/agreement of the change in courses and process form, how the GE 25 will facilitate making these changes, establish agreed upon process, procedures and (finalize) form.

- To date, the following institutions have responded to Vicki's request for corrections of their course listings: ASC, CU-Boulder, CSU-Pueblo, FLC, MSC, UCDHSC, UNC, and WSC. **I'm requesting that all corrections be submitted to me by March 31, 2006. It was agreed that members of GE 25 will have these changes in already approved courses to Vicki by Friday 3/31/06**
- Review and revise of the FAQs at the gtPathways website. **PLEASE PROVIDE ME WITH SOME EXAMPLES OF FAQs (from your institution) BY FRIDAY MARCH 31, 2006 SO THAT WE CAN COMPLETE, (FOR NOW), THIS PORTION OF THE gtPathways website. It was agreed that members of GE 25 will have sample FAQs to Vicki by Friday 3/31/06.**

Discussion Items:

- 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.*

Discussion Questions:

- -I am scheduling the GE faculty advisory sub-committee meeting to coincide with the 4/14 review. I would like to construct an agenda for the meeting today. **SUGGESTIONS FOR AGENDA ITEMS? It was agreed that members of GE 25 would provide Vicki with agenda items by Friday 3/31/06.**
- Discussion on bias within the content area committees by faculty reviewers concerning courses with "different" prefixes (explain/discuss). *Members of GE 25 agreed to defer to faculty and have them discuss this issue (at up-coming review days and the 2006 faculty-to-faculty conference).*
- Begin dialog with a discussion concerning competency testing for the beginning level of the Communication content area (see attachment of the draft work the Communication Committee completed on 2/24). *Members of GE 25 agreed to defer to faculty and have them discuss this issue further (beginning at up-coming review day(s) as well as the 2006 faculty-to-faculty conference). On April 14, 2006, the Communication content group will officially approve their meeting minutes from the 2/24 review/discussion.*

- What are the tentative numbers for the 4/14 review? I'm in the process of arranging the venue and need a preliminary estimate. *Most members present at the March GE 25 meeting did not have definite numbers. Instead, they recommended planning for a review comparable to the Feb 24th review, (126 courses, 50 faculty reviewers).*

Submission deadlines for the April 14th review were amended, extending the submission deadline for re-nominations to April 10, 2006, (ALL INSTITUTIONS ARE REQUIRED to provide five (5) DUPLICATE COPIES for each re-submitted course). Original nominations will be due on March 31, 2006, as originally planned.

What: gtPathways Course Review Cycle IV, Round II

When: Friday April 14, 2006
8:00am - 4:00pm

Where: **Four Points by Sheraton Denver Southeast**
6363 E. Hampden Avenue
Denver, Colorado 80222
Phone (303) 758-7000 Fax (303) 691-3418

- Foreign Language issue (see notes from Task Force Meeting/HEAR info). *It was agreed that this last discussion item be deferred to the March meeting of Academic Council, where it was discussed.*

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NEXT MEETING **April 10, 2006**