

GE Council

March 7, 2011

1:00-4:00pm

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

MINUTES

1. Greetings and Introductions

Present:

Geri Anderson (CCCS)
Steve Roderick (FLC)
Vicki Leal (CU System)
John Lanning (UCD)
Alan Lamborn (CSU-FC)
Scott Thompson (CCCS)
Gus Greivel (CSM)
Sheila Thompson (MSCD)
Steve Werman (MSC)
Erin Frew (CSU-P)
Tom Smith (UNC)

On the phone:

Jeff Reynolds (Aims)
Kevin Nelson (WSC)
Sunny Schmitt (CMC)

2. Informational Items:

- a. Spring Faculty-to-Faculty –April 8, 2010 to be hosted at the CCCS Conference Center (Lowry)
 - i. Confirm agenda, invite, and disciplines to be discussed – see below.
- b. GE Council Legislative Update
 - i. Next hearing – March 14, 2011
John Lanning will attend, and maybe Scott Thompson.
- c. Spring gtPathways Review (March 4, 2011)
The Communication and Natural & Physical Sciences courses were not reviewed at the March 4 review – no 4-year reviewers were able to participate. These courses will be reviewed through an electronic review to be completed by April 15, 2011, with all materials turned into DHE by close of business on April 15. Seasoned (experienced) reviewers will need to be recruited for this electronic review. John Lanning volunteered to be the chair for N&P Sciences; Nancy Ciccone (UCD) was suggested as a possible chair for the Communication courses [she agreed to be chair]. Materials for the review are to be sent out by DHE to the

respective review teams by March 14 [done].

A brief discussion was held regarding how to handle future reviews. Given the smaller number of courses submitted for review and the difficulty in enlisting faculty to participate, it might be necessary to switch to electronic reviews. If electronic reviews become the standard, then it is crucial to have experienced faculty participate. The question was raised about training new faculty for participating in the reviews. Suggestions: have a training session be part of a Faculty to Faculty conference – a pre-conference session or a lunch session; this could be the fall review but used also as a training session.

- d. Executive Director/Lt. Governor Joe Garcia addressed the Council. He wants to move articulation agreements along; lots of people are watching this process. Legislators need to be reassured that GEC can get it done. There needs to be collaboration between the two- and four-year institutions – this is critical. The goal is to collaborate and not to protect one's own interest. Response to Lt. Governor Garcia: GEC can't promise specific dates on finalizing agreements because there might be unforeseen issues that arise; however, GEC can probably get five finalized a year.

3. Discussion/Action Items:

- a. Determine date for fall 2011 Faculty-to-Faculty conference
Friday, October 14, 2011
- b. Determine dates for next gtPathways reviews – fall 2011, spring 2012
Will address dates/timeframes at next GEC meeting.
- c. Re-confirm Statewide Transfer Articulation Agreement Protocol and companion flowchart
Additional edits were suggested. Maia Blom will incorporate them in both text and flowchart and re-circulate.
- d. Confirm Invite and Agenda for spring Faculty-to-Faculty conference, April 8
Done. [Invite was sent to GEC on 3/15/11; agenda will be finalized by DHE in time for the conference.]
- e. Articulation Agreements Status Update Matrix
Early Childhood and Elementary Education will be added to the matrix. They will be addressed at the next GEC meeting.
 - i. Status of **Phase 3** agreements (sent to GE Council via email from Ian Macgillivray on 2/8/11):
 - History
 - Math
 - Psychology – BA
 - Psychology – BS
 - Spanish

A discussion was held regarding Electives with a request that non-discipline-specific electives be required. For the five agreements listed above, this requirement was dropped, but this discussion will continue at

the next GEC meeting. These agreements were essentially finalized with the following changes:

- Math Gen Ed requirement: the MAT 155/156 courses will not be accepted as fulfilling the Math Gen Ed requirement. Language stating as much was inserted in the agreements to which this requirement is applicable. These two courses will be removed from the gtPathways approved courses list.
- Spanish agreement: a footnote was added on the cover page indicating that Spanish degrees have different titles at different schools.
- Communication Gen Ed requirement: language was inserted stating that ENG 121 *and* ENG 122 or ENG 122 *and* a gtPathways-approved CO3 course would satisfy the Communication requirement.
- Part 2: Limitations: language was added to this section requiring fulfillment of the CU System's MAPS requirement for students transferring to a University of Colorado institution.

[These 5 agreements were sent on March 16, 2011 in FINAL form to GEC and AC for signature (final approval) by the institutions' Presidents and CAOs – Phase 4.]

- ii. Status of **Phase 2** agreements (sent to GE Council via emails from Ian Macgillivray on 2/8/11 and 2/14/11):
 - Anthropology
 - French
 - Political Science
 - Sociology

Edits were made online during the GEC meeting. The agreements in edited form will be re-circulated to GEC for a final review (Phase 3).

- iii. Disciplines to be reviewed at Faculty-to-Faculty, April 8, 2011:
 - Biology
 - Chemistry
 - Physics
 - Criminal Justice
 - English

Yes.

- f. Finalize any articulation agreement(s)?

NA

4. Other Business?

5. Next month items – TENTATIVE:

- Discussion of recalibration, timeline, if necessary