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AGENDA

- I. Greetings and Introductions
- II. Adoption of last meeting's notes – September 10, 2012 [See handout: *October 8 minutes*]
- III. Information Items
 - A. Follow up to October 12 Faculty-to-Faculty:
 1. BFA/BA Graphic Design (Art) – Sandy & Nish
 2. BA/BS/BM/BMus Music – Jeff & Scott
 3. BFA/BA Theatre – Wayne
 - B. Ian has begun revising CCHE Policy I, L: Statewide Transfer and will bring the first part to GE Council in December for its feedback.
- IV. Discussion/Action Items
 - A. DHE proposes the idea to hold a separate meeting for the Engineering Agreement rather than to include it in the spring 2013 Fac2Fac.
 - B. Follow up on October 26, 2012 gtPathways Review
 1. Only Social & Behavioral Sciences courses were reviewed, because not enough 4-year faculty to review submissions.
 2. Ideas to generate/facilitate better participation:
 - a. Flexible, rolling schedule all year round.
 - b. Hold around state if most reviewers are from one region.
 - c. Send materials out 1 week ahead of time and use Skype or web conferencing.
 - d. DHE revised invitation: make user friendly, no jargon, specifically target faculty in certain degrees (as opposed to a general call), emphasize it's a professional development opportunity, include quotes from past participants.

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- C. History Requirement Agenda Item [See handout: *Draft CCHE agenda item for History*]
1. Agenda item to CCHE with pros and cons of this to see where CCHE now stands on a required History course as part of gtPathways.
 2. If History is removed then change will be reflected in CCHE Policy I, L: Statewide Transfer.

- D. Checklist for Compliance with State Law and Policy Regarding gtPathways and Transfer
1. Revised checklists and a letter were sent to Academic Council September 20, 2012.
 2. Responses to revised checklist received from: ASU, CMU, FLC & MSU Denver.
 3. Question for consideration:
 - a. Do we agree that in C.R.S. 23-1-125(1)(e), “core course requirements” means gtPathways requirements (item #2 on checklist).
 - Discussion from last meeting: Tabled for further discussion. Gen Ed core curriculum requirements are not the same as major requirements. However, Policy I, L, Section 5.02 *Transfer of General Education* states:

Colorado’s state guaranteed general education courses are designed to allow students to begin their general education courses at one Colorado public higher education institution and later transfer to another without loss of general education credits. That is, state guaranteed general education courses may be applied to the general education graduation requirement program or the graduation requirements of the declared major, whichever is in the student’s best interest.

*Question for consideration that will also inform the revisions of the Statewide Transfer Policy: Should gtPathways courses apply to the major? An example of where this has been problematic is with calculus-based physics, (PHY 211 & 212) which are GT-SC1 approved, but do not always include physics in the quantity and quality necessary to set up students for success in highly technical degrees, like engineering even though the course meets GT-SC1 competencies and criteria.

- E. gtPathways Waivers from CCHE.
1. Degrees from ASU, CSM, CSU, FLC & UCCS ready to go to CCHE meeting. [see handout: *Agenda Item – Waivers from gtPathways Requirements for Baccalaureate Programs That Have Additional Requirements*]
 - a. Clarification that the gtPathways requirement for which we’re requesting a waiver is that the degree program does not have to include all 31 credits of the gtPathways core courses. The institution/degree program still has to accept gtPathways courses transferring into the degree, whether they apply to the degree’s gen ed component or the major.

F. ARTICULATION AGREEMENTS

1. Phase 4: Procurement of Signatures – NONE

2. **Phase 3: Final Review**
 - a. **Criminal Justice**
 - i. Phase 3 Draft Agreement sent to GEC on 11/05/12 for review prior to 11/12/12/ GEC meeting. If no further revisions, it will go to campuses (via GEC reps) for final review.

3. **Phase 2: ICIR**
 - a. **Philosophy** – See handout: *Statewide Transfer Articulation Agreement – PHILOSOPHY – Phase 1 VERIFIED Curriculum Worksheet, V.3 – 2012-04-10*. If GEC is okay with this version, it will move to Phase 2.

4. **Phase 1: Curriculum Worksheet Creation & Verification**
 - a. **Agriculture** – Per Michael Womochil (CCCS): Agreements in AG Business, Animal Science, and Crops & Soils have been reached. DHE still needs copies of the curriculum worksheets. Horticulture will remain a transfer agreement (guide?) and AG Education will probably be reached next year.
 - b. **Art History** – will reconvene at spring 2013 F2F in order to discuss/address any “common degree programs.”
 - c. **Biology/Chemistry/Physics** – will reconvene at spring 2013 F2F.
 - d. **Communication** – all schools have agreed to the VERIFIED CWS; per STAA protocol, GEC gets to see it one more time before it moves to Phase 2: see handout: *Statewide Transfer Articulation Agreement – COMMUNICATION – Phase 1 VERIFIED Draft CWS – 2012/04/06, V.2*. Footnote language was received from UCD and is incorporated into V.2. Please note that this footnote was not in the worksheet that was verified.
 - 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 + docs to Nish and John on 9/14/12.
 - f. **Geography** – draft CWS, V.3 has been verified by all schools present at the F2F; VERIFIED CWS sent to UNC on 11/5/2012 for review.
 - g. **Geology** – draft CWS has been VERIFIED by all schools present at the F2F; VERIFIED CWS sent to UNC and WSCU on 11/5/2012 for review.
 - h. **Studio Art** – will reconvene at spring 2013 F2F in order to discuss/address any “common degree programs.”

G. Other Business?