



GE Council

September 9, 2013, 1:00-4:00pm
Department of Higher Education
1560 Broadway – Suite 1600
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AGENDA

- I. GREETINGS AND INTRODUCTIONS
- II. ADOPTION OF LAST MEETING'S NOTES
[See handout: *2013-08-12 - GE Council - Draft MINUTES*]
- III. DISCUSSION ITEMS
 - A. Update on Work of the Core to College P20 Regional Partnerships & Implications for General Education (Emmy Glancy)
 - 1. First state summit was held June 10, 2013. The four regional partnerships have been meeting since. Next state summit currently scheduled for Friday, October 18, 2013.
 - 2. Colorado is a national leader on things like supplemental academic instruction, reverse transfer, educator effectiveness and degree completion. Let's not lose our edge when it comes to general education and assessing student learning.
 - 3. The work of these groups can provide a place to start for a revision of the gtPathways content criteria and competencies, at least for GT-CO1, 2 & 3 and GT-MA1 (gateway math courses only). Faculty could begin this process at Spring 2014 Faculty-to-Faculty Conference?
 - 4. Faculty could also consider multiple math pathways and whether or not the gateway math courses, at least for the STAAs, are the most appropriate? (rather than often defaulting to college algebra)
 - 5. The work of the Regional Partnerships can also inform ideas for assessment of student learning, signature assignments, etc., as they consider revised entrance and exit competencies for GT-CO1, 2 & 3 and GT-MA1 courses.
 - 6. Implications for potential review of GT-CO1, 2 & 3 and GT-MA1 mentioned below?
Could a re-review of these currently approved courses and the process of revising gtPathways content criteria and competencies inform one another?
 - B. Set dates for 2014 gtPathways reviews
 - 1. Proposal for Spring 2014: re-review currently approved GT-CO1, 2 & 3 and GT-MA1 (gateway math courses only)

- GE Council "...shall annually review the list of general education courses and the course numbering system, including the criteria, adopted by the commission and recommend such changes as may be necessary to maintain the accuracy and integrity of the course numbering system. The council's annual review shall include consideration of the course descriptions, and the council may request summaries of course syllabi for further review." [23-1-108.5(3)(c)(II), C.R.S.]
2. Proposed dates for a "regular" gtPathways course review: See handout: *2014 gtPathways Review Dates*.
- C. Time to review STAA template [See handout: *TEMPLATE – FINAL-FINAL3 – 2013-07-25*]

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Important Dates for Fall 2013

1. Faculty-to-Faculty – Friday, October 11, 2013 (Cancel or keep for Mechanical & Civil Engineering?).
2. gtPathways review process will begin on September 13, 2013 – to be completed by November 8, 2013. [See handout: *2013 gtPathways Review Dates – take 2*]

B. Colorado Technical University & gtPathways

1. CTU has indicated it wants to continue to participate in gtPathways and will submit courses for review for the fall 2013 cycle. CTU currently has two gtPathways approved courses -- LITR 2205: Introduction to Literature and PSYC 1005: Introduction to Psychology. Both were approved December 2, 2011.
2. This summer DHE reviewed CTU's general education core course requirements and gtPathways approved courses to ensure that they continue to meet the general education core course guidelines, pursuant to §23-1-125(5), C.R.S. DHE found:
 - Colorado Technical University's general education core course requirements do not meet Colorado core course guidelines because CTU does not require a History course. CTU shall require a History course in its general education core courses if it wishes to continue to participate in gtPathways.
 - It could not be determined if the two currently approved courses meet gtPathways content criteria and competencies for GT-AH2 and GT-SS3. The current syllabi for the courses differ from the originally approved syllabi in course number, course name, assignments, course schedule, course description and course objectives. CTU shall submit these courses for formal review in the fall 2013 review cycle if it wishes to continue to participate in gtPathways.
3. CTU agreed to these terms and paid the invoice to reimburse the state for its time.

V. ACTION ITEMS

A. CCHE Policy I, L: Statewide Transfer Policy [See handout: *i-partl_revision_2013-09-09_IKM*]

- Would this policy, or an associated "advising guide," be a good place to encourage completion of freshman communications and math within the student's first 30 credits?

VI. ARTICULATION AGREEMENTS

A. **Phase 4: Procurement of Signatures** - NONE

B. **Phase 3: Final Review**

1. **Geology** – V.1 sent 7/25/13 to **GEC members** for **GEC only review**; deadline 8/9/13. Still need to hear from F. Novotny, Scott T., Rhonda E., Sandy V. Next step will be Phase 3, V.2 – the final campus review.

C. **Phase 2: ICIR**

1. **Communication** – V.3, 2013-08-12, incorporates changes requested at August GEC meeting. V. 3 sent to GEC on 9/6/13; deadline 9/27/13.
2. **English** – UNC indicated they could make V.2a work. Still need to hear from UCB.
3. **Geography** – V.2 (incorporating language from Spanish STAA re licensure tracks) sent to GEC 7/26/13; deadline 8/13/13. Still need to hear from CCCS.
4. **Philosophy** – Agreement can move forward to Phase 3. Still need to send courtesy copy to discipline group. Still need degree titles from CSU-FC and UCCS.

D. **Phase 1: Curriculum Worksheet Creation & Verification**

1. **Art History** – agreement will move to Phase 2.
2. **Biology** – DHE will arrange a meeting for a small group of Biology reps to discuss what a more “inquiry-based” online lab would look like. Norma Hollebecke (CCCS/CCOnline) needs input on what the faculty want. Meeting participants will include CSU, CU campuses, 2 CCCS faculty, Rhonda Epper, Norma Hollebecke, DHE staff. Ian emailed (8/15/13) Rhonda, David, Alan, Nish to get this moving along.
 - Waiting to hear from CSU and UCB who their reps will be.
3. **Chemistry** – agreement will move to Phase 2.
4. **Physics** – It is possible to move this agreement along through the different STAA phases while a Modern Physics course is developed at CCCS. **Shall the CWS verification process be repeated or shall this CWS move to Phase 2, ICIR?**
5. **Music** – the CWS is now verified and will move to the next step of Phase 1.
6. **Studio Art** – agreement will move to Phase 2
7. **Theatre** – the CWS is now verified and will move to the next step of Phase 1.

E. **Phase 0: For Future Planning**

1. **Engineering** – DHE to convene a small group of Civil and Mechanical Engineering reps from MSU Denver, CSM, CSU-P, CSU-FC, UCB, UCCS, and UCD to consider if STAAs in mechanical and civil engineering would be possible. Engineering STAAs will not be considered at the F2F. Prior to the meeting, schools will send their engineering degree requirements to DHE (Maia sent email 8/16 to all campuses with civil or mechanical engineering degrees requesting this info). DHE will disseminate these materials to all for review prior to the meeting. Ian pulled April 1, 2004 CCHE agenda and minutes regarding credit waiver discussion for engineering degrees. Will need to address requirement of completing engineering degrees in 4 years. Have heard from CSM, CSU-P, and MSU Denver; still need to hear from CSU-FC, UCB, UCCS, and UCD.

2. **ECE & ELED** – These may need some revising once some 4-year institutions have created their new bachelor's degrees in ECE and ELED. The state has money to revisit ECE in 2014.
3. **Physical Anthropology** - There is a discrepancy across 2-yr and 4-yr institutions as to whether a physical/biological anthropology course should be SS3 or SC2. (This came up at the Spring 2013 gtPathways review. Maybe a good topic for a future Fac2Fac?).
4. **Music Education**
5. **Mass Communication**

VII. OTHER BUSINESS?