

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

Meeting Attendees:

R. "Nish" Nishikawa, CU-B; John Cooney, CU system; John Lanning, UCDHSC; Stephen Roderick, FLC; John Sowell, WSC; Linda Curran, MSCD; Cristina Martinez; Alan Lamborn, CSU-FC; Jeff Reynolds, AIMS; Wayne Artis, PPCC; David Caldwell, UNC; Kimberly Thompson, CCHE; Lana Carter, PCC; and Sherrie Schneider, CCCS ; Frank Novotny, ASC and Barbara Montgomery, CSU phoned in.

The meeting began with discussion and decisions concerning the following **Action Items:**

- 1. We reviewed a second draft of the Chair's Cover Sheet.** The goal of the form was to combine signatures from review committees with a signoff from the committee chair so that the CCHE could have a record for the archives separate from what is returned to the institutions (the review committee's substantive evaluation). The Council discussed the draft of the form and decided to have Vicki conduct major revisions on the version they reviewed. **Update:** Attached is the 3rd iteration of the Chair's Cover Sheet and the version used at the Course review on the 24th/Feb. GE 25 will have this latest version of the document on the agenda for further/final discussion/approval at their March 13th meeting.
- 2. Solicit names from members of GE 25 for the assembly of the Advisors/Registrars sub-committee of the GE 25 Council** – Vicki asked that members of GE 25 nominate representatives from their institutions for participation on the Advisors/Registrars Advisory Sub-committee for GE 25. March 1, 2006 was established as a deadline for the submission of nominations. **Update:** Vicki will share the make-up of the advisory sub-group w/ GE 25 at their March 13th meeting.
- 3. The GE 25 reviewed a draft of the gtPathways Changes to Approved gtPathways Courses Form.** There was minimal discussion, and due to time constraints the GE 25 decided to delegate the revising of the document to Alan Lamborn and Vicki. **Update:** As of March 9, 2006, no revisions have been completed. This will be tabled and added as an action item to the March agenda of the GE 25 Council.
4. The GE 25 reviewed two versions of the gtPathways Planning Guide. As part of the discussion, the GE recommended that the name of the document/page at the website be changed to gtPathways Curriculum Guide – all agreed; future revisions to the gtPathways website will include the revised terminology. It was agreed by the GE 25 membership that the document, entitled Structure of gtPathways Curriculum, Effective Fall 2006, and dated November 16, 2005, would be the document posted as a page labeled gtPathways Curriculum Guide at the gtPathways website. The guide would be provide clear, concise documentation concerning effective dates and be posted at the gtPathways site with the

appropriate changes (combining verbiage from various drafts of the document). See final version attached to the March 2006 Agenda for the GE 25 Council.

5. The GE 25 conducted a thorough review of the gtPathways website:

**gtPathways
Status of Revisions to the website link
February 2006**

Suggested Item	Discussion	Status
(Current) Membership of GE 25 Council	Council agreed to post this at the gtPathways website	Complete
Past and current agendas and minutes for GE 25 Council meetings.	Council agreed to post this at the gtPathways website.	Complete
Faculty-to-Faculty Conference Information, including the final report for each conference.	Council agreed to post this at the gtPathways website.	Vicki will consult with the webmaster of CCHE in order to post all Faculty-to-Faculty Conference information including the final conference report.
Lists of Chairs by Content, Not individual reviewers by institution	Council agreed to post Chairs by Content only.	Vicki will consult with the webmaster of CCHE in order to post Chairs by Content only.
Sample syllabi of courses that have been approved for placement into the gtPathways curriculum.	Council agreed to NOT post sample syllabi unless it was done with the express permission of teaching faculty.	Vicki will develop a form that will be provided to faculty at the next review granting permission to the CCHE to post their syllabi, without identifiers, at the Pathways website as an exemplary sample syllabi.
All up-dated, revised gtPathways forms	Council agreed to post all revised and updated gtPathways forms, beginning with the revised, *Combined Nomination/Re-nomination Form.	95% Complete – awaiting confirmation from GE 25 on: <i>Chair's Evaluation Form</i> and <i>Changes to Approved Courses Form</i> .
All approved gtPathways courses.	Council agreed to post all approved gtPathways	Vicki will consult with the webmaster of CCHE in

	courses by Content area and Institution, and include credit hours, labs, approval date and IMPLEMENTATION DATE.	order to revise the current posting of gtPathways approved courses in the format recommended by Council, including and reflecting the *correction of any errors that may exist currently at the course site.
Addition of gtPathways Planning Guide (Effective fall 2006). Suggestion: Post as link at current gtPathways Guide.	Review two versions of gtPathways Planning Guide, effective fall 2006: (Refer to attachments to this Agenda)	To be discussed.
Link to Berry/King Bill	Council agreed to post a link to the statutes, NOT the actual/whole bill.	Complete

- **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. **Update:** If other institutions are in need of corrections **THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS March 31, 2006.**

- **Review and revise of the FAQs at the gtPathways website. PLEASE PROVIDE ME WITH SOME EXAMPLES OF FAQs (from your institution) BY FRIDAY MARCH 3, 2006 SO THAT WE CAN COMPLETE, (FOR NOW), THIS PORTION OF THE gtPathways website. Update: As of Thursday March 9, 2006, NO institutions have responded to this request.**

The following recommendations were made at the February 13th GE 25 meeting concerning the (current state) of the gtPathways website:

* There should be (two) tiers of information/2 general areas of information configured as follows:

One Tier – for students and parents visiting the site and containing General Information;

Another Tier – specifically for institutional personnel, also containing General Information but in addition, listing information specific to gtPathways, i.e. approved courses, etc.

* It was recommended that the following be **ON THE FIRST PAGE OF THE WEBSITE:** the gtPathways Planning Guide, the updated List of gtPathways Courses, including effective dates (as discussed and agreed to in prior GE 25 meetings).

* It was recommended that a new section be added and prominently listed at the site and entitled: “Changes 2006”

- The thrust of these recommendations is to have 2 separate areas of focus for the website: one for the student/general public and another for Institutions/Institutional personnel. **Update:** Many changes have been made to

the site and even more need to be completed. The site is yet under construction (and the going is slow, due to “staffing issues” at the CCHE).

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:

Begin dialog with a discussion concerning competency testing for the beginning level of the Communication content area.

The GE 25 discussed various issues of concern relative to this clause of the King Bill and specifically discussed the following: Negotiated cut points, credits toward degree, agreed upon use of assessments. Members of the GE 25 unanimously agreed to pose this discussion topic to the Communication Content group at the Feb 24th Review Day as well as defer this discussion topic to the Faculty Advisory Sub-group of the GE 25 Council. **Update:** Awaiting documentation from the Communication group’s chair concerning their Feb 24th discussion. Will provide this as it is received.

- **Discuss the possibility of a) a CCHE conference designed to inform all institutions concerning recent revisions and additions to forms/processes of the gtPathways program; or b) CCHE personnel will travel to the institutions in order to present the changes/revisions in person (and over the course of the next few months). What is the preference of the GE 25 membership?**

The GE 25 membership appeared split over this recommendation, with some members thinking it was a good idea that could possibly yield some utility for the public institutions within the state. Other GE members indicated that they thought such a recommendation was not necessary, as members of the GE and AC could adequately handle this task of the gtPathways. Still other members indicated that they believed the majority of courses had been nominated for consideration/placement into the gtPathways curriculum, and therefore such a recommendation was not necessary. It was recommended that Vicki submit a proposal to the GE 25 at their March 2006 meeting concerning this proposal and that the GE 25 have additional discussion concerning the proposal.

Information Items:

The following announcements were made at the Feb 2006 GE 25 meeting with minimal discussion:

- February 2, 2006 Advising Conference (Report) – Nish
- Pathways presentation/CCCS/Ed Services Council-1/27
- Frieda Holly will replace Joan Foster on Academic Council – Linda
- **MARK YOUR CALENDARS! The 2006 Faculty-to-Faculty Conference will be held on Friday October 13, 2006, location TBA.**

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NEXT MEETING

April 10, 2006