

**GE 25 Council  
June 2007 meeting  
June 11, 2007  
MEETING MINUTES**

**Meeting Attendees:**

R. "Nish" Nishikawa, CU-B; John Sowell, WSC; Jeff Reynolds, AIMS; Alan Lamborn, CSU-FC; Cristina Martinez, MSCD; Roger Carver, CCD; Steve Roderick, FLC (phoned in); Michel Dahlin, CU system; Michael Poliakoff, CSU system; Cathy Barkley, MSC; John Lanning, UCDHSC; Frank Novotny, ASC; Linda Curran, MSCD.

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

Vicki provided a brief update of the following items:

1. Up-date on gtPathways Webpage revisions/Are your campus postings correct?  
***Up-date: Please note that Rita is out today and will be unable to provide an update. However, in the meantime, Vicki encouraged campus reps/GE 25 members to continue to ensure that their campus' web postings for gtPathways were consistent with what was posted at the gtPathways website on the DHE page. Vicki also shared with the Council that the DHE's new hourly employee would be taking over responsibilities for the corrections/revisions of gtPathways. Council members were encouraged to inform Vicki when they located errors on the web page of the DHE/gtPathways site.***
2. gtPathways Summer Workshops (Dates and Locations/Confirm) ***Up-date: Vicki shared a map of the proposed locations for Summer 2007 gtPathways workshops, including planning workshops in Greeley, Pueblo, and Glenwood Springs. Vicki shared with the Council that an early fall workshop in Durango would coordinate with meetings that the DHE will be holding at that time with SJBTC and PCC's Southwest Center. The Council had the following recommendations: first, add an additional workshop in the Denver metro area. Also, Cathy recommended that Rifle might also be a possible location for that region of the state. Additionally, Council recommended that the workshops be postponed to the fall 2007 semester, specifically they recommended scheduling all the workshops between mid-September and mid-October. They also recommended inclusion of students. Vicki will proceed with the Council's recommendations; the five workshops will be held in the following locations around the state between mid-September and mid-October in Greeley, Pueblo, Denver, Glennwood Springs and Durango and include faculty, administrators and students. Roger shared with Vicki that this fall's 2+2 conference will be held on Friday September 14, 2007; Vicki made note of this so as not to create a scheduling conflict.***
3. Natural and Physical Science Lab Issues (Up-date) ***Up-date: As there was not agreement on the SCI, SC2 issue between John (L), Alan, Jeff and Vicki, it was decided that the four should have a meeting to discuss and decide how the Statewide Transfer Policy might be modified in the Natural/Physical Science***

*area given the new structure of courses being introduced by some of the state's institutions, prior to discussing the changes with the larger GE 25 group. Therefore, it was decided that Alan, Jeff, John and Vicki would meet in Greeley on June 21, 2007 in order to "hash out" a proposal that in turn will be addressed and discussed with the GE 25 at their next meeting. After meeting with Alan, Jeff and John, Vicki will meet with the Registrars/Transcriptors group for further clarification prior to bringing the issue to the next meeting of the GE 25.*

4. Registrar's Blog/Meeting (Update) *Please see update above.*
5. Communication Content Area/CO3 (Update) *Up-date: Carol provided the following update to Vicki on June 7:*

*Vicki: We have been working on the draft via email. This has been very difficult; this sort of thing is best hashed out face-to-face. But unfortunately we couldn't find a day to convene everyone in May and now the faculty are scattered to the four winds.*

*Through the email process, the four years have come to some agreement about the criteria. What I plan to do next is send the four years' draft to the two years to revise. Then I would like to send the document out for a formal vote: each institution that has participated in the Communications group gets one vote.*

*Do you want me to show you what we have with the understanding that it still needs the two year look-over and has not been officially voted out of the group yet? Or do you want me to wait?*

*I am sorry I could not deliver a fully approved document to you in time for this meeting, but I do want to assure you that we are making progress on this task (and I have the emails to prove it!)*

*Carol Vicki anticipates that there will be a draft for GE 25 discussion at their August 2007 meeting.*

*Up-date on Higher Education (Finance) Summit (J. Carnahan, CAO) Update: DHE CAO Julie Carnahan provided the following update (at Vicki's request) of the June 8 & 9 Higher Education Summit: . We have a long way to go financially, but people are determined to get there.*

*We can only get where we need to go with a united higher ed community.*

*We can only get there if we improve productivity and outcomes in higher ed, as a condition for getting more money.*

*All this is important for the economic/competitive future of the state, for our quality of life, and for social to serve better the underserved part of our population.*

*We will be setting up three task forces or working groups to address the tasks identified in the last sessions: peer institution definition/ID; metrics/goals for productivity/outcomes over next 10 years; funding stream/alternatives and funding "mix" (GF, tuition, financial aid) goals for next 10 years. These TF/WG's will include folks within high ed as appropriate (CFOs, CEOs, CAOs), as well as DHE/Executive Branch staff, CCHE commissioners, business and foundation people, and legislators.*

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**Discussion Item One – 2007 Faculty to Faculty.** Vicki solicited suggestions for the 2007 faculty to faculty conference, specifically for keynote speakers. The following suggestions were provided: Greg Goode/Assessment and General Education Assessment; Peter Ewell, NCHEMS/Research on Assessment; Alan Lamborn recommended someone, Bjork (more info is needed here), and George Kuh of the University of Indiana. Vick indicated that she would also be soliciting recommendations from faculty across the state using SFAC and CFAC contacts, including Mark Malone, UCCS and Roger Carver, CCD. Additionally, she said she would attempt to solicit suggestions for keynotes by utilizing past lists of gtPathways reviewers. The ultimate goal of this year's fac to fac is to engage as many faculty as possible in meaningful discussions and with informative presentations that will make it worth their while to attend.

**Discussion Item Two** – The July and August GE 25 and AC meetings will need to be either canceled/postponed due to scheduling conflicts (the HEAR hearing on July 10<sup>th</sup> and the DHE/CCHE Retreat on August 13/14<sup>th</sup>). GE 25 will seek to schedule a companion meeting with AC sometime in July/August that does not conflict with either the hearing or the retreat.

**Discussion Item Three** – the GE 25 briefly discussed Michel's issue concerning the writing competency of the Social/Behavioral Science Content area and its application during reviews. Specifically, she wanted to ensure that it wasn't penalizing nominating institutions or being applied in an inequitable, uneven fashion. Several of the members of the GE 25 Council were able to respond to Michel's concerns, including Alan, (who was co-chair of the S & B content area when the writing competency was created. Jeff was also able to relate additional information on how the competency had been applied at past reviews. Nish also shared that he believed, as a past S & B reviewer, that the application had been fair, objective and impartial. Vicki also stated that most of the courses not being recommended in the S & B area, especially at the most recent review, were not recommended due to incorrect "packaging" during the nomination phase, and not because of non-compliance with the writing competency. Although current co-chair of S & B was absent from the GE 25, (Wayne), and unable to provide additional information to the discussion, Michel indicated that she was satisfied with her inquiry's response.

**Discussion Item Four** – Clarifying the role of the GE 25. This question had been posed earlier in the spring by John (Lanning), and deferred for a couple of months. GE 25 members discussed the origins of the GE 25 as it related specifically to the legislation, (King/Berry bills). The discussion made clear the fact that the GE 25 is the primary group responsible for the enactment of the legislation and all procedural matters concerning the gtPathways process. Although they work in conjunction with the AC for purposes of "collective buy-in/agreement", the GE 25 ultimately decides gtPathways matters. John indicated that he would like to see the tasks of the group more narrowly focused on gtPathways issues and a better use of the group's time.

**Discussion Items Five and Six** – were tabled but Vicki suggested that the next two meetings, (or at least the August meeting), would be exclusively devoted to the following topics:

**Natural/Physical Science Category Issues**

**CO3 Discussion (new content/competency criteria)**

**Credit by Examination/King Bill**

**Review of gtPathways Protocol**

All agreed. Meeting adjourned.

**Next Meeting: TBD**