

**General Education Council**  
**April 13, 2020 - 1:00 - 4:00pm**  
Colorado Department of Higher Education  
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**AGENDA -- NOTES**

**I. GREETINGS & INTRODUCTIONS (1:00-1:05pm)**

1. Welcome (Chris Rasmussen)
2. Attendance (Christina Carrillo)

In attendance: Wayne Artis (CFAC-PPCC); Joann Brennan (CU Denver); Darcy Briggs (CCCS-ACC); Helen Caprioglio (CSUP); Linda Comeaux (CCCS-RRCC); Tony Contento (CSUG); Charlie Couch (UNC); Margaret Doell (ASU); Maureen Durkin (CU System); Christy Gomez (CCCS-FRCC); Melanie Hulbert (WCU); Alex Ilyasova (UCCS); Danen Jobe (CCCS); Lori Kester (Mines); Carol Kuper (CCCS-MCC-SFCC); Michael Lightner (CU System); Kelly Long (CSU); Nancy Matchett (UNC); Gillian McKnight-Tutein (CCCS-FRCC); Aparna Palmer (CMU); Kathryn Regjo (CMC); Scott Reichel (Aims); Beez Schell (CMC); Shaun Shafer (MSU Denver); Patrick Tally (CU Boulder); Brian Vandenheuvel (CSUP); Christina Carrillo (CDHE); Kim Poast (CDHE); Chris Rasmussen (CDHE)

**II. Adoption of last meeting's notes (1:05-1:10pm)**

1. [\[See handout: 2020-03-09- GE Council - NOTES.pdf\]](#)  
Notes approved

**III. INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. Updates (and thank you!) on:
  - Re-submission of GT Pathways courses (following 2016 revision to GT Pathways content criteria and competencies)
  - Submission of PLA course and transfer equivalencies (CDHE will be following up on the new CLEP exam in Spanish with Writing and to address individual discrepancies in other parts of PLA tables - have fully completed by May 31)

**IV. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

1. Institutional responses to COVID-19 (how is everyone fairing?)
  - All CU campuses (Boulder, Colorado Springs, Denver, Anschutz) will be going remote for summer sessions.



- A question was asked about how IHEs are responding to VA students during this time. VA students must have at least one face-to-face course in order to meet VA requirements for their GI Bill benefits. With all instruction moving to online, how has this impacted VA students? One IHE reported that the VA has waived this requirement and that students are able to retain their housing stipend (BAH). Moving forward, how will this impact these students for summer and fall? It was suggested that IHEs create a list of questions for Paul DeCecco, acting President and current Vice-President of the Colorado Advisory Council on Military Education (CO-ACME).
2. Report from the April 3 meeting of the Commission on Higher Education
    - The agreements were introduced for discussion, with anticipated action to approve at the May meeting (with a possible delay for mechanical engineering)
    - Commissioners were excited about the Colorado School of Mines signing on to both the Computer Science and Mechanical Engineering agreements. This will be the first time Mines has been a signatory to an STAA.
    - Chair McGimpsey asked about launching a media campaign when the agreements are approved.
  3. Credit awards for Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate (changes for Spring 2020)
    - Guidance on AP was included in the memo from Dr. Angie Paccione dated March 27. Guidance on IB is on the CDE website at <http://www.cde.state.co.us/postsecondary/concurrentenrollment-covid19#higher>. More information on IB plans for assessments is available at <https://www.ibo.org/globalassets/news-assets/coronavirus/coronavirus-outbreak-faq-en.pdf> (last update May 6).
  4. Pass/Fail (Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory) grading and efforts to create grading categories that reflect 1) C- or higher grades, vs. 2) D-level grades
    - Guidance from Dr. Paccione went out to all IHEs on March 27.
    - All IHEs have implemented Pass/Fail (all CCCS institutions are doing Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory) for Spring 2020.
    - Students will have the option to choose P/F (S/U) but are being strongly encouraged to speak to their instructor and/or an academic advisor in order to discuss how choosing P/F (S/U) will impact them.
    - What are IHEs doing for students who are on academic probation/suspension?
  5. Statewide Transfer Articulation Agreements
    - Addition of CSU-Global to Statewide Transfer Articulation Agreements in Business and Criminal Justice
      - CSU-Global has historically not been a signatory to any of the STAAs; however, they have always accepted DWDs and GT

Pathways courses in transfer. While not being an official signatory to the STAAs has caused some confusion for students in the past, CSU-Global would like to rectify this in order to help avoid any further confusion for students.

- An email will be sent to Academic Council this week for public comment.
- We will return to discuss/affirm the addition of CSU-Global to the Business and Criminal Justice STAAs at the May meeting.
- May 1 CCHE action on STAAs in computer science, dance, journalism, and public health
  - Council members raised concerns about these new STAAs being approved by CCHE before signatures are received from chief academic officers, which will confirm that the agreements were properly vetted by academic leadership at four-year institutions.
  - Chris indicated that the Council was asked to vet the agreements with the appropriate individuals, and the timeline for doing so was extended twice upon request.
  - There may be a provision attached to the CCHE action item that approval of the agreements is contingent upon obtaining signatures from participating institutions.
- Proposed STAA in Mechanical Engineering and general education requirements (2:30 p.m.)
  - Christy Gomez, state discipline chair for Engineering, again reviewed the proposed final agreement with the GE Council. Ms. Gomez first reviewed this agreement with the Council at the March meeting.
  - It was recently learned that three of the IHEs (CSU, CU Denver, and MSU Denver's Mechanical Engineering Technology degree program) who are signatories on this proposed STAA were never waived from GT Pathways (but programs at CU Boulder, UCCS, and Mines have been).
  - A robust conversation occurred, reviewing different options regarding whether these three programs should pursue a GT Pathways waiver in order to participate in the STAA.
  - It was ultimately decided that CDHE would seek guidance from the Attorney General's office on the statutory prohibition on requiring general education coursework post-transfer in an STAA.
- STAA provision on admission to selected academic program (when a student completes the Dwd but isn't admitted to the articulated bachelor's degree program)
  - Several council members noted that this does happen often in their IHE's more competitive programs (i.e., Engineering, Business)

- CU Boulder stated that students will often complete the AA Business DwD but will not get into the Leeds School of Business. With enough lead time, students would know that they are not going to get into their articulated bachelor’s program and be able to make a different decision if they wanted to. The student would then be issued a general education waiver and be able to move forward with their new program of choice.
- In sum, institutions work with the student to maximize the portability and applicability of courses toward an alternative degree program at the receiving institution. Students also learn in advance about non-acceptance into the degree program giving them an opportunity to enroll in a similar program at a different institution. But many students want to enroll at the intended institution so choose that option with an alternative degree program.

## 6. Legislative Updates

- Revisions to legislative agenda
- HB20-1002 (College Credit for Work-Based Learning)
- Budget projections for FY21 and beyond and potential impact
  - Kim and Chris provided an update on the legislative process—only a small number of previously introduced bills will be moving forward, which the Department expects will include HB20-1002. The next state revenue forecast will be made on May 12; state budget will not be approved until mid-to-late May.

## 7. New and closed GT Pathways courses

### New

#### *Colorado Community College System*

- GT-SS3: ETH 215 Discrimination and Diversity (3)
- GT-MA1: MAT 155 Integrated Math I (3)
- GT-MA1: MAT 156 Integrated Math II (3)
- GT-AH3: PHI 213 Symbolic Logic (3)
- GT-SC1: ANT 212 Introduction to Forensic Anthropology w/Lab (4)

### Closed

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- GT-SS3: ANT 201 Introduction to Forensic Anthropology (3)

## Reminder: GT PATHWAYS - Roll-out of new requirements.

1) Course submission forms posted here:

<http://higherred.colorado.gov/Academics/Transfers/> . Go to GT Pathways section; click on folder icon at “Submission/Verification Forms” bullet.

The timeline for re-submission of GT Pathways courses is as follows:

Due Date	GT Pathways Content Areas & Courses
February 28, 2017 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Written Communication</li> <li>Mathematics</li> </ul> TOTAL: ~160 courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GT-CO1: ~14 courses</li> <li>GT-CO2: ~26 courses</li> <li>GT-CO3: ~20 courses</li> <li>GT-MA1: ~100 courses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Math for Liberal Arts/Quant Reasoning: ~16 courses</li> <li>Stats (&amp; Probability): ~9 courses</li> <li>College Algebra: ~15 courses</li> <li>Pre-calc &amp; Calculus I, II, III: ~41 courses</li> <li>Trig (&amp;Analytic Geometry): ~6 courses</li> <li>Finite: ~3 courses</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
May 15, 2017 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Natural &amp; Physical Science w/Lab</li> </ul> TOTAL: ~169 courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GT-SC1: ~169 courses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BIO: ~48 courses</li> <li>CHEM: ~46 courses</li> <li>PHYS: ~75 courses</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
November 24, 2017 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Natural &amp; Physical Science w/Lab (continued) and Natural &amp; Physical Science - lecture only</li> </ul> TOTAL: ~143 courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GT-SC1: ~33 courses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GEOG: ~5 courses</li> <li>GEOL: ~22 courses</li> <li>Other (meteorology, oceanography, etc.): ~6</li> </ul> </li> <li>GT-SC2: ~110 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BIO: ~16 courses</li> <li>CHEM: ~19 courses</li> <li>PHYS: ~14 courses</li> <li>GEOG: ~1 course</li> <li>GEOL: ~14 courses</li> <li>ASTRONOMY: ~12 courses</li> <li>ENV: ~10 courses</li> <li>Other (meteorology, oceanography, etc.): ~6 courses</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
May 15, 2018 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Arts &amp; Expression</li> <li>Ways of Thinking</li> </ul> TOTAL: ~164 courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GT-AH1: ~104 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ART: ~36 courses</li> <li>MUS: ~30 courses</li> <li>THE: ~23 courses</li> <li>DANCE: ~5 courses</li> </ul> </li> <li>GT-AH3: ~60 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PHI: ~49 courses</li> <li>REL: ~10 courses</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>November 24, 2018</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Literature &amp; Humanities</li> <li>World Languages</li> </ul> TOTAL: ~176 courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GT-AH2: ~114 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What are the right categories to put here?</li> </ul> </li> <li>GT-AH4: ~62</li> </ul>
May 15, 2019 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>History</li> <li>Economic or Political Systems</li> </ul> TOTAL: ~222 courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GT-HI1: ~146 courses (all HIS)</li> <li>GT-SS1: ~76 courses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ECON: ~33 courses</li> <li>POL: ~29 courses</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
November 24, 2019 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Geography</li> <li>Human Behavior, Culture, or Social Frameworks</li> </ul> TOTAL: ~188 courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GT-SS2: ~23 courses (all GEOG)</li> <li>GT-SS3: ~165 courses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ANT: ~28 courses</li> <li>SOC: ~41 courses</li> <li>Women’s, LGBT and Gender Studies: ~20 courses (a little overlap with SOC &amp; PSY)</li> <li>PSY: ~30 courses</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

Please note this timeline is flexible and CDHE will allow for individual institutions' time constraints and other specific circumstances. Eligible Courses must be part of the institution's general education core and must be offered at least once every two years (for Colorado Community College System, course can be offered anywhere in the system). Courses can be submitted on the forms provided at <http://higher.ed.colorado.gov/Academics/Transfers/> under "GT Pathways" and in the folder labeled "Submission/Verification Forms."