



General Education Council
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Colorado Department of Higher Education
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AGENDA -- NOTES

I. GREETINGS & INTRODUCTIONS

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

In attendance: Wayne Artis (CFAC-PPSC); Kelsey Bennett (WCU); Helen Caprioglio (CSU-P); Charlie Couch (UNC); Liz Cox (CSM); Kristen Cusack (CCCS-CCA); Maureen Durkin (CU SYS); Jacquelyn Gaiters-Jordan (CCCS-PPSC); Chelsea Herasingh (CCCS-OC); Danen Jobe (CCCS); Mike Lightner (CU SYS); Nancy Matchett (UNC); Pete McCormick (FLC); Rick Miranda (CSU SYS); Beth Myers (CU Denver); Katherine Olson (CSU-G); Scott Reichel (Aims); Nick Saenz (ASU); Shaun Schafer (MSU Denver); Michelle Stanley (CSU); Patrick Tally (CU Boulder); Susan Taylor (UCCS); Christina Carrillo (CDHE); Carl Einhaus (CDHE); Chris Rasmussen (CDHE)

II. Adoption of last meeting's notes

1. *[See handout: 2024-07-08- GE Council - NOTES.pdf]*
Notes approved

III. INFORMATION ITEMS

IV. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Introduction of new CSSAAO!
Carl Einhaus introduced himself as the new Chief Student Success & Academic Affairs Officer. Carl moved into this role after serving as the Department's Senior Director of Student Success and P20 Alignment. He



provided an overview of his background and answered questions from Council members.

2. SB24-164 open discussion: how will problematic transfer courses be identified?

DHE staff and Council members engaged in a robust discussion regarding how problematic transfer courses will be identified, meaning COURSES THAT STUDENTS ARE LESS LIKELY TO RECEIVE FULL CREDIT FOR THAT APPLY TOWARD THE STUDENT'S CHOSEN ACADEMIC PROGRAM UPON TRANSFER (per SB24-164). What criteria should we be using? What data sources can we use? The Council then discussed possible groups of courses that could be added to a list for consideration, including intro/survey courses in psychology, sociology, and political science (as well as others) and foundation courses in the natural and physical sciences.

3. Updated GE Council duties and responsibilities description

DHE staff shared an updated draft of the GE Council member duties and responsibilities description. This was shared with the leadership of CCCS to assist in their efforts to recruit their new institutional representatives as required by statute (SB24-164). Danen Jobe, CCCS representative, shared that they have all their institutional nominations, and the finalists will be named later this week. DHE will be informed of the new Councilmembers prior to next month's meeting.

4. Fall retreat date discussion

DHE staff informed Council members that the proposed September 9 retreat date was not likely to occur. Chris reported that staff is still working through the questions that have been gathered via various stakeholder groups over the summer. He will be working on this task over the coming weeks to help inform his memo to the CO Attorney General's office. After discussing several options, Council members decided to hold the retreat on Monday, October 21 (moving the scheduled October 14 meeting date to the following week) from 9:00ish until 3:00 pm. It will be in-person with a remote option - DHE staff will begin investigating location options.

Chris confirmed that the November 11 meeting, which falls on Veteran's Day, can be moved to the following week, November 18. Christina will update both the calendar invites and the website in the coming days.

5. Discussion and affirmation of proposed revisions to the STAA in Computer Science:

- Proposed removal of Colorado School of Mines from the STAA;
- Institutional changes for the University of Colorado Denver and the University of Northern Colorado for the STAA

Christina informed Council members that two institutions provided feedback during the 30-day public comment period: one institution



requested the consideration of language that permitted the use of “computing-specific Calculus I”, as a new course curriculum is currently being developed; and Adams State University requested institutional changes similar to UNC’s (e.g., removal of their B.S. Mathematical Sciences, Computer Science emphasis program and addition of their B.S. Computer Science program and requirement of CSC 2065 Discrete Structures and MAT 2540 Linear Algebra for “Free Electives.”

Council members engaged in a brief discussion regarding the new course curriculum being developed. It was decided to put this request on hold until additional information can be obtained from CCCS. Council members also decided to forgo a second 30-day comment period for ASU’s requested changes—members felt the requested changes were similar in nature to UNC’s and could be incorporated with this round of revisions. No objections were made, and Christina will update the STAA to reflect these changes.

6. Further discussion of proposed removal of Otero College from the STAAs in Computer Science, Horticulture Business Management, Journalism, Public Health, and Sociology (Danen Jobe, CCCS)

Danen introduced Chelsea Herasingh, Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs, to discuss the proposed removal of OC from the above named STAAs. Chelsea informed Council members that after she and her staff conducted a deep dive of their academic programs, they discovered there were five programs that had not had any students enrolled in several years. Council members engaged in a brief discussion regarding online opportunities for students in an effort to have OC stay on the STAAs. Chelsea responded that regardless of modalities, students have not engaged in or expressed interest in these programs. Council members approved of OC’s request to be removed from the above named STAAs—Christina will update accordingly.

7. Metropolitan State University of Denver business school accreditation and student transfer (Shaun Schafer, MSU Denver)

Shaun informed Council members that the business faculty at MSU Denver have decided to follow a trend among other AACSB programs to accept upper division courses in business transferred only from other AACSB-accredited programs. This applies only to upper division courses and so will not affect transfer of GT Pathways courses.

New and closed GT Pathways courses

New

Colorado State University - Pueblo

- GT-AH2: PHIL 107 Introduction to Religious Studies (3)
- GT-SS1: POLS 102 State and Local Government (3)



University of Colorado Colorado Springs

- GT-CO3: ENGL 3010 Advanced Rhetoric and Writing (3)

Closed

None

