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<b>Meeting</b>	<b>General Education Council</b> <b>January 13, 2025</b> <b>1:00 – 4:00 pm</b>
<b>Location</b>	Virtual Only
<b>Call-In Information</b>	<a href="#">Join Zoom Meeting</a> Meeting ID: 874 0974 6140 Passcode: 216541
<b>Meeting Participants</b>	
<b>Meeting Objectives</b>	The GE Council is a statutorily created entity (CRS §23-1-108.5(3)(a)) with oversight responsibilities for various statewide transfer initiatives, most prominently GT Pathways and Statewide Transfer Articulation Agreements (STAAs). GE Council typically meets monthly, to carry out different statutory responsibilities assigned by the General Assembly.

## AGENDA

### I. GREETINGS & INTRODUCTIONS

1. Welcome and attendance (Christina Carrillo)

In attendance: Wayne Artis (CCCS-PPSC); Kelsey Bennett (WCU); Brad Bowers (CCCS-PCC); Morgan Bridge (CMU); Helen Caprioglio (CSUP); Liz Cox (CSM); Charlie Couch (UNC); Meghan Davis (CCCS-CNCC); Kelly Emick (CCCS-LCC); Theresa Groff (CCCS-ACC); Michael Gulliksen (CCCS-FRCC); Roze Hentschell (CSU-SYS); Sara Holzberlein (EGTC); Danen Jobe (CCCS); Paul Langston (CCCS-CCA); Mike Lightner (CU-SYS); Pete Lindstrom (CCCS-CCD); Nancy Matchett (UNC); Pete McCormick (FLC); Denise Mosher (CCCS-OC); Beth Myers (CU Denver); Jan Nerger (CSU); Christiane Olivo (CCCS-MCC); Katherine Olson (CSUG); Tina Parscal (CCCS); Jessica Peters (CCCS-RRCC); Kathryn Regjo (CMC); Scott Reichel (Aims); Nick Saenz (ASU); Shaun Schafer (MSU Denver); Patrick Tally (CU Boulder); Susan Taylor (UCCS); Andrew Vidockler (PTC); Michelle Camacho Liu (The Attainment Network); Christina Carrillo (CDHE)

### II. Adoption of last meeting's notes

1. [See handout: 2024-12-09– GE Council - NOTES.pdf]  
Notes approved

### III. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. 2024 Talent Pipeline Report Launch Event: January 15 – 10:30 am – 12:00 pm ([register in advance](#))
2. Behavioral Health Pathways Follow-Up Discussion: January 17 – 10:00 am – 12:00 pm via Zoom ([register in advance](#))
3. Office of the State Auditor Transfer Audit Discussion: January 22 – 9:00 – 10:00 am

### IV. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. 2025 Legislative Session Updates: Creation of a Statewide Transfer Website  
Christina previewed one of the Department’s legislative priorities for the year: [HB25-1038 Postsecondary Credit Transfer Website](#). This bill, which was introduced last week, is a result of the SHEEO/Gardner Institute State Transfer Policy Standards project that Colorado participated in a few years ago. As Council members will recall, Colorado participated in a multi-state initiative to promote the development and adoption of state- and system-wide transfer standards – and equity-focused reforms – that contribute to equitable postsecondary attainment. Of the 40+ recommendations that emerged from the final report, the creation of a centralized, statewide, web-based tool that equips students to navigate and explore their options across multiple institutions within Colorado was named numerous times.

Christina informed Council members that this website will be specific to Colorado and will include transfer history for credit for prior learning (e.g., AP, IB, CLEP, DSST); STAAs; and GT Pathways courses to start, eventually building up to a system that includes 1:1 course matches, making this an invaluable resource to students and those who assist students in their academic planning.

Council members expressed concerns about this new potential legislation, including maintenance (e.g., costs, timing of data uploads from institutions); standard definitions of “work-related experiences” and “prior learning opportunities” across institutions; the potential of duplication of work, as many institutions engage with third-party vendors that provide a similar service (e.g., Transferology); and the potential costs of implementation. Christina noted these concerns and deferred several specific questions about the legislation itself to the Department’s legislative liaison, who was unable to attend the meeting.

2. Finalize GE Council vision/mission statement  
Christina reviewed the draft of the vision/mission statement that Chris drafted last month and worked with the group to develop a cohesive statement that was agreeable

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to all. Christina will review the statement internally with Department leadership before publishing it to the GE Council's webpage.

3. Continued discussion on SB24-164 (45 minutes):

- Review timeline for identifying “highest enrollment and transfer activity” courses  
Christina informed Council members that Department staff presented to the CCHE at its meeting earlier this month to provide an update regarding implementation efforts – she then reviewed a slightly revised version of the slide deck that was presented to the CCHE, with updates to the implementation leadership team. Council members engaged in a brief discussion regarding wanting to understand the specific issues and/or problems that we are trying to solve with the legislation.
- Review timeline, strategies, and plan for gathering data  
Council members discussed strategies for gathering data. A suggestion was made to have CCCS produce a report of their highest enrollment courses, many of which will likely be GT Pathways courses. A request will be made for this information so that Council members can review the data at the next meeting.
- Review timeline and plan for designing a student transfer credit appeal process and associated rulemaking authority  
Christina informed Council members of the process for associated rulemaking authority. Rules are created when statute needs to be enhanced (i.e., clarified) and are intended to be as minimal and general as possible. Rulemaking is a prescribed process that includes several entities, including the Secretary of State's Office, Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA), and the Colorado Office of the Attorney General (COAG). The Department's legislative liaison typically informs the Governor's Office of the Department's intent to participate in rulemaking in November each year – while we will not be able to participate in this process in 2025, we have identified areas within the updated statute where enhancement may be necessary. We will consult with COAG in early spring to begin this process. Department staff will continue to update Council members as information becomes available.

4. STAA updates (Christina Carrillo, CDHE)

- Institutional approvals
- CAO/Provost signatures
- Spring calendar
  - Anthropology
  - Criminal Justice
  - Music
  - Theatre

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Christina informed Council members that due to Dr. Rasmussen’s recent departure, she has been assisting with taking on additional duties while the Department is searching for his replacement. This has, unfortunately, affected forward progression on the STAAs revision process. STAAs that were sent out last fall for institutional approvals still need to be moved forward for CAO/Provost signatures. The disciplines that will be potentially scheduled for this spring are Anthropology, Criminal Justice, Music, and Theatre. Christina explained that the first two disciplines were originally convened in 2022; however, their agreements had additional issues that were unresolved. After three years, the disciplines would be better served to reconvene rather than try to resolve the remaining issues via email. The final two disciplines convened last year – these disciplines have revisions to resolve before the revised agreement can be brought before the Council for full review.

Council members expressed empathy and understanding that this process may be extended while the Senior Director of Academic Pathways position remains vacant.

- 5. New and closed GT Pathways courses
  - New
    - None
  - Closed
    - None

## ACTION ITEMS

Issue	Action / Next Step	Assigned To & Date Assigned
GT Pathways database audit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Institutions (and Systems) will complete an audit of the database to ensure completeness and accuracy of content</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assigned to all IHEs (and Systems) 12/09/24</li> <li>• To be completed by 02/14/25</li> </ul>
STAA (Physics)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reach out to individual IHEs for clarification on additional required courses (Computer</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assigned to DHE staff (Christina)</li> </ul>

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	Science I and General College Chemistry II w/laboratory) requirement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To be completed in January 2025</li> </ul>
SB24-164	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Produce report of highest enrollment courses</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assigned to CCCS (Danen Jobe)</li> <li>To be completed by February meeting</li> </ul>

