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Meeting	General Education Council May 12, 2025 1:00 – 4:00 pm
Location	Virtual Only
Call-In Information	Join Zoom Meeting Meeting ID: 837 1873 3981 Passcode: 718695
Meeting Participants	The General Education Council (GE Council) is comprised of representatives from each of the 31 public institutions of higher education, including area technical colleges, local district colleges, and dual mission institutions.
Meeting Objectives	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 – NOTES

I. GREETINGS & INTRODUCTIONS

1. Welcome (Brad Griffith)
2. Attendance (Christina Carrillo)

In attendance: Wayne Artis (CCCS-PPSC); Kelsey Bennett (WCU); Brad Bowers (CCCS-PCC); Helen Caprioglio (CSUP); Liz Cox (CSM); Charlie Couch (UNC); Rachelle Davis (CCCS-NJC); Maureen Durkin (CU-SYS); Kelly Emick (CCCS-LCC); Michael Galchinsky (CSU); Theresa Groff (CCCS-ACC); Michael Gulliksen (CCCS-FRCC); Roze Hentschell (CSU-SYS); Chelsea Herasingh (CCCS-OC); Sara Holzberlein (EGTC); Danen Jobe (CCCS); Paul Langston (CCCS-CCA); John Lawrence (CMC); Mike Lightner (CU-SYS); Pete Lindstrom (CCCS-CCD); Pete McCormick (FLC); Rick Miranda (CSU-SYS); Beth Myers (CU Denver); Christiane Olivo (CCCS-MCC); Katherine Olson (CSUG); Tina Parscal (CCCS); Kathryn Regjo (CMC); Scott Reichel (Aims); Christy Richter (CCCS-RRCC); Nick Saenz (ASU); Shaun

Schafer (MSU Denver); Patrick Tally (CU Boulder); Susan Taylor (UCCS); Andrew Vidockler (PTC); Michelle Camacho Liu (The Attainment Network); Chealsye Bowley (CDHE); Christina Carrillo (CDHE); Liliana Diaz Soloduhkin (CDHE); Carl Einhaus (CDHE); Sam Fogelman (CDHE); Brad Griffith (CDHE)

II. Adoption of last meeting's notes

1. *[See handout: 2025-04-14–GE Council-NOTES.pdf]*
Notes approved

III. INFORMATION ITEMS

IV. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. 2025 Colorado Open Education Resources Conference (Chealsye Bowley, CDHE)
Chealsye Bowley, Director of Open Education and Learning Innovation, extended an invitation to Council members to attend the annual OER Conference, scheduled for Friday, May 30 at the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley. The theme this year is "Mapping the Open Road: Navigating the Future of OER." Chealsye informed Council members that this year's conference will feature over 20 presentations, workshops, and panel sessions that follow beginner, collaboration, STEM, student engagement, and sustainability tracks – there are sessions for all experience and knowledge levels of open education. Registration details were provided in a follow-up email.
2. Proposal to award ECE 1111 course credit for Expanding Quality in Infant Toddler Care (EQIT) certificate follow up
 - Review documentation and communication options
Christina informed Council members that after last month's discussion on the proposal to award ECE 1111 course credit for students who complete the EQIT certificate, it was discovered that ECE 1111 is not a required course for the Early Childhood Education (ECE) Statewide Transfer Articulation Agreement (STAA). As such, DHE staff decided to consult with Council members on the best way to document and communicate this information, per Step Five of the [HB20-1002 College Credit for Prior Work Experience Implementation Plan](#).

DHE staff summarized two options for Council members to consider: 1) DHE staff can update the ECE STAA with a footnote in the electives section, indicating students who complete the EQIT certificate may receive course credit for ECE 1111 at some institutions; and 2) have CCCS and other IHEs update their own websites/crosswalks and communicate the information internally and externally.

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After further discussion, Council members decided to move forward with both options: DHE will include a footnote in the ECE STAA within the Electives space regarding students who complete the EQIT certificate *and* CCCS and other IHEs update their own websites/crosswalks and communicate internally and externally, as not all IHEs on the agreement agree to accept this course as an elective.

The Department will update the ECE STAA accordingly and post the updated agreement once the PDF has been updated for digital accessibility.

3. Discussion regarding dual mission institutions listed as receiving institutions on STAAs (30 minutes)

Brad led Council members in a discussion about dual mission institutions being listed as receiving institutions on STAAs. This topic originated as a question from Colorado Mountain College, as they are developing a bachelor's degree in chemistry and inquired if they could be listed as both a sending and receiving institution on the STAA. Veteran Council members recalled having a similar discussion a few years ago about potentially Adams State University (ASU) and Colorado Mesa University (CMU) participating in STAAs as sending institutions; however, ASU and CMU do not participate in CCCS' common course numbering system, which precluded them from participating as sending institutions. DHE staff agreed to further review statute and policy regarding this issue.

4. Special topics courses and course substitutions on STAAs (30 minutes)

Christina and Brad led Council members in a brief discussion regarding how special topic courses and course substitutions on STAAs are handled with students. Council members from sending institutions (i.e., community colleges) reported that a form must be completed by both the sending and receiving institutions, agreeing to the STAA/DwD modification. The form is only applicable to the receiving institution the student has identified and is void if the student decides to attend a different receiving institution. Council members also informed DHE staff that the list of elective courses for the associate of arts and associate of sciences (AA/AS) degrees is determined at the local level.

5. Credit-by-exam course equivalency and credit award matrices

- Review/discuss how non-equivalent courses are displayed (e.g., SS Elective, ELEC 179, ETHN 1999TC, etc.)

Brad and Christina led a discussion with Council members about how non-equivalent courses are displayed on the credit-by-exam course equivalency and credit award matrices. They explained that the vendor partner for the statewide credit transfer website is attempting to design and build an interactive tool that

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will allow students to view how their credits will transfer across Colorado public institutions. These non-equivalent courses and how they will be displayed in a new system are causing some design issues for the vendor. Council members encouraged DHE staff to include registrars in this discussion. Brad and Christina will reach out to their colleague to include this topic on the next Registrar Council meeting agenda.

6. Potential fall calendar

- STAA reviews
- Faculty-to-Faculty conference
- Others?

Christina led Council members in a discussion regarding the tasks and activities that will likely occur this fall. Council members agreed that resuming the STAA revision process is a high priority. Christina informed Council members that there may be as many as 8 disciplines that will need to be convened this fall. Council members suggested an in-person event for STAAs this fall; however, DHE staff informed Council members that there has been increased interest from multiple functional areas (e.g., academic advisors, registrars, admissions, etc.) for a statewide transfer conference. No decision was made regarding whether a Faculty-to-Faculty conference will be held for STAA revisions this fall as DHE staff will need to consider resource allocations.

Longtime Council members encouraged newer members to volunteer to help facilitate STAA discussions (DHE staff noted that a GE Council representative will be required to help facilitate these discussions) – Council members largely help faculty better understand general education requirements and transfer guidelines for STAAs during these discussions. DHE staff and Council members agreed to create facilitation guidance for Council members prior to STAA revision meetings this fall.

7. Continued discussion on SB24-164 (45-60 minutes):

- Review/discuss potential recommendations

Brad informed Council members that the next few months will be spent reviewing potential recommendations that can be presented to the Commission this September. DHE staff will begin drafting recommendations to present to Council members for review and discussion next month; however, Brad encouraged Council members to begin considering recommendations of their own to bring forward for discussion.

8. New and closed GT Pathways courses

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- New
 - Colorado Community College System (CCCS)
 - GT-AH1: ART 1111 Art History Prehistory to 1400 (3)
 - GT-AH1: ART 1112 Art History 1400-1900 (3)
 - University of Northern Colorado
 - GT-AH1: ART 178 Ancient to Medieval Art History (3)
 - GT-AH1: ART 179 Renaissance to Modern Art History (3)
 - GT-AH1: ART 180 Contemporary Art History (3)
 - GT-AH2: ELIT 290 Survey of Culturally Diverse Literature for Children (3)
 - GT-AH2: ANT 292 Culture and Conflict (3)
 - GT-AH2: HON 267 Culture and Consciousness (3)
 - GT-MA1: MATH 185 Number Sense and Algebra (3)
 - GT-MA1: MATH 186 Elements of Calculus (3)
 - GT-SC1: SCI 266 Earth & Life Science (4)
 - GT-SS2: GEOG 218 Emerging Asia (3)
 - GT-SS3: JAPN 116 Contemporary Japan (3)
 - GT-SS3: PSY 247 Adolescent Learning and Motivation (3)
- Closed (Withdrawn from GTP but may still be offered at IHE)
 - University of Northern Colorado
 - GT-SC1: CHEM 102 Chemistry for Citizens Lab (1)
 - GT-SC2: CHEM 101 Chemistry for Citizens (3)
 - GT-SS1: PSCI 286 Value Issues in Political Economy (3)
 - GT-SS2: GEOG 250 Making of the American Landscape (3)
 - GT-SS3: ANT 212 North American Indians (3)
- Closed (No longer offered at IHE)
 - University of Northern Colorado
 - GT-AH1: THEA 225 Theatre in Film (3)
 - GT-MA1: STAT 111 Intro to Data Science (3)

ACTION ITEMS

Issue	Action / Next Step	Assigned To & Date Assigned
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STAA (Physics)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reach out to individual IHEs for clarification on additional required courses (Computer Science I and General College Chemistry II w/laboratory) requirement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assigned to DHE staff (Christina) To be completed in January 2025

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