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Meeting	General Education Council August 18, 2025 1:00 – 4:00 pm
Location	Virtual Only
Call-In Information	Join Zoom Meeting Meeting ID: 859 0852 5670 Passcode: 122757
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); Lynette Bates (CCCS-TSC); Kelsey Bennett (WCU); Brad Bowers (CCCS-PCC); Morgan Bridge (CMU); Erica Buckland Anderson (MSU Denver); Helen Caprioglio (CSUP); Liz Cox (CSM); Rachelle Davis (CCCS-NJC); Maureen Durkin (CU SYS); Stephani Etheridge-Woodson (UNC); Michael Galchinsky (CSU); Theresa Groff (CCCS-ACC); Michael Gulliksen (CCCS-FRCC); Sarah Heath (CCCS); Roze Hentschell (CSU SYS); Sara Holzberlein (EGTC); Danen Jobe (CCCS); Chris Juarez (CCCS-RRCC); Paul Langston (CCCS-CCA); Mike Lightner (CU SYS); Pete McCormick (FLC); Rick Miranda (CSU SYS); Beth Myers (CU Denver); Christiane Olivo (CCCS-MCC); Katherine Olson (CSUG); Jessica Peters (CCCS-RRCC); Scott Reichel (Aims); Nick Saenz (ASU); Patrick Tally (CU

Boulder); Susan Taylor (UCCS); Andrew Vidockler (PTC); Kaylah Zelig (CCCS-CCD); Christina Carrillo (CDHE); Liliana Diaz Solodukhin (CDHE); Sam Fogelman (CDHE); Brad Griffith (CDHE)

II. Adoption of last meeting's notes

1. *[See handout: 2025-07-14–GE Council-NOTES.pdf]*
Notes approved

III. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Brad informed Council members that the Department is working with College Board to report back on whether individual institutions will be able to articulate the new AP Cybersecurity and Personal Finance and Business exams for academic course credit, especially within GT Pathways. Concerns were raised about the combined nature of the Personal Finance and Business course, which may complicate articulation due to their typical separation in college catalogs.

IV. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. GT Pathways waiver request for the Bachelor of Applied Science in Technical Education at Red Rocks Community College (Brad Griffith, CDHE)
Brad informed Council members that RRCC has submitted a GT Pathways curriculum waiver request for their BAS program in Technical Education. Representatives from both the institution and the System office explained how the BAS in Technical Education meets general education requirements through non-GT Pathways courses, emphasizing multicultural education and technical competencies. Council members discussed the implications of waiving GT Pathways requirements, especially the importance of transparency for students regarding transferability. Members stressed that BAS degrees are not designed for transfer and that students must be clearly informed to avoid future confusion. Council members ultimately approved the individual waiver request for RRCC's BAS program in Technical Education.
2. Blanket GT Pathways waiver request for Bachelor of Applied Sciences Degrees, Colorado Community College System (Brad Griffith, CDHE)
Brad informed Council members that CCCS submitted a blanket GT Pathways curriculum waiver request, to be applied to all BAS programs. Council members debated whether such a waiver should apply only to CCCS or to all BAS degrees statewide, including those at four-year institutions. Department staff emphasized that the Council must decide whether to recommend a blanket waiver for all BAS degrees or continue requiring individual waiver requests. Ultimately, the Council leaned toward supporting a blanket waiver for all BAS degrees, contingent on clear communication and transparency for students. Department staff will take this recommendation to the CCE Student Success

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& Workforce Alignment (SS&WA) Standing Committee for further discussion before policy can be revised to update the waiver process.

3. HB25-1038 Update – Colorado Transfer soft launch demo (Christina Carrillo, CDHE)
Christina provided a preview of the Colorado Transfer Portal website, which had recently undergone a soft launch. Christina demonstrated new features, including improved filtering by institution and centralized access to credit-by-exam tables and GT Pathways course listings. Feedback was solicited via a survey, and members were encouraged to explore the site and provide input.
4. Review CCHE Agenda Item – General Education Council Recommendations for SB24-164 (Brad Griffith, CDHE)
 - [See handouts: *Agenda Item SB24-164 Report from GE Council.docx* and *GE Council Report for SB24-164.docx*]

Brad provided an overview of the draft report for Senate Bill 24-164, which mandates annual analysis of GT Pathways courses. The report included data on high-enrollment and high-transfer courses, alignment with degree requirements, and credit hour differentials. Members raised concerns about potential misinterpretation of transfer percentages and emphasized the need for clearer data presentation. Suggestions were made to separate enrollment and transfer data and clarify assumptions about in-state, vertical transfer.

Council members also discussed credit hour inconsistencies in math and world language courses, noting that while students don't lose credit, they may lose elective flexibility. Faculty purview and curricular differences were acknowledged as key factors in these variations. Recommendations in the report included reviewing credit hour alignment, improving communication about GT Pathways and transfer degrees, and expanding statewide support for transfer student success through professional development and advising. The report will be presented to the CCHE SS&WA Standing Committee for further consideration prior to being presented to the full commission.

5. STAA fall calendar (Christina Carrillo, CDHE)
 - Faculty reviews
 - Institutional approval
 - Provost/CAO signatures

Christina presented the fall calendar for the Statewide Transfer Articulation Agreement (STAA) revision process. Eight STAA disciplines are scheduled for review in October, with GE Council members asked to recruit faculty and advisors to participate. The process includes faculty review, GE Council approval, institutional approval, and final signatures. Christina emphasized the importance of including professional academic advisors,

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especially from community colleges, in the revision process. Christina will send out additional details in an email following the meeting.

6. New and closed GT Pathways courses

- New
 - Colorado Mesa University
 - GT-SC2: CHEM 1111 Introduction to Concepts of General Chemistry (3)
 Concerns were raised about the lack of detail in the sample syllabus regarding how GT competencies are addressed, and it was agreed the course would return for consideration after revision.
- Closed (Withdrawn from GTP but may still be offered at IHE)
 - None
- Closed (No longer offered at IHE)
 - Metropolitan State University of Denver
 - GT-AH1: THE 3213 Staging Cultures (3)
 - GT-AH2: ENG 2820 Aviation Film and Literature (3)

ACTION ITEMS

Issue	Action / Next Step	Assigned To & Date Assigned
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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