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Department of
Higher Education

1600 Broadway, Suite 2200
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Meeting	General Education Council April 13, 2026 1:00 – 4:00 pm
Location	Virtual Only
Call-In Information	View Meeting Recording
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); Hamilton Bean (CU Denver); Shawn Bingham (CSU); Brad Bowers (CCCS-PCC); Helen Caprioglio (CSUP); Liz Cox (CSM); Meghan Davis (CCCS-CNCC); Rachelle Davis (CCCS-NJC); Kelly Emick (CCCS-LCC); Stephani Etheridge-Woodson (UNC); Theresa Groff (CCCS-ACC); Michael Gulliksen (CCCS-FRCC); Sara Holzberlein (EGTC); Danen Jobe (CCCS); Paul Langston (CCCS-CCA); Kyle Lasley (CCCS-OC); Mike Lightner (CU-SYS); Pete McCormick (FLC); Kate Montieth (CCCS); Christiane Olivo (CCCS-MCC); Katherine Olson (CSUG); 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); Kaylah Zelig (CCCS-CCD); Eric Tucker (CCHE); Christina Carrillo (CDHE); Carl Einhaus (CDHE); Spencer Ellis (CDHE); Brad Griffith (CDHE)

II. Adoption of last meeting's notes

1. [See handout: 2026-03-09–GE Council-NOTES.docx]
Notes approved

III. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Review of March 2025 proposal votes

Brad reported that all proposals reviewed in March met the approval threshold, including the addition of Colorado Mesa University (CMU) to the Elementary Education STAA (now in public comment) and the formal sunseting of the Fermentation Sciences STAA. Multiple new GT Pathways courses from system and institutional submissions were approved by CCHE.

Council members discussed challenges reviewing GT Pathways syllabi, particularly inconsistent presentation and reliance on copy and paste language that does not clearly demonstrate course alignment. The Council expressed support for developing updated submission guidance and simple visual indicators to improve clarity and consistency, while avoiding mandated syllabus templates. CDHE staff will develop and share updated guidance. Courses will not be delayed solely due to the absence of new indicators during the transition period.

2. Professional development opportunity

Council members were invited to attend the Colorado Mindset Academy convening on April 24 at Red Rocks Community College, hosted through Strong Start to Finish, focused on gateway course instruction. Travel support is available.

IV. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Discussion and affirmation of proposed addition of Colorado Mesa University (CMU) to the Elementary Education STAA

Consideration of CMU's participation in the Elementary Education STAA will be deferred to the May meeting. CDHE staff will seek clarification regarding potential requested footnotes or conditions before the item is brought forward for a vote.

2. Transfer initiatives updates

- Higher Education Transfer Audit

Brad provided updates on the Office of the State Auditor (OSA) Transfer Audit. Policy changes related to GT Pathways, statewide transfer, and prior learning assessment are temporarily paused while the Commission engages in a broader strategic policy review. Efforts are underway to improve identification and reporting of military-affiliated students through coordination with the Data Advisory Group and Registrar's Council.

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- CCHE Transfer Subcommittee

The Transfer Subcommittee is shifting its focus toward credit mobility, portability, and stackability across credentials. CCHE approved a five-year policy review charter to guide future transfer-related policy revisions. Stakeholder input opportunities are expected in May and June. Members discussed an AI-enabled transfer tool demonstration and emphasized the need for careful vetting, reliable institutional data, and preservation of human advising.

During this time, Council members also engaged in a robust discussion about instructional quality, rigor, advising, and oversight in concurrent enrollment, particularly courses taught on high school campuses. Members shared a range of institutional practices for faculty onboarding, supervision, advising, and collaboration with school districts. CDHE staff requested that members gather specific examples of concerns related to concurrent enrollment quality to inform further discussion at the May meeting.

3. Consider action to recommend Colorado Commission on Higher Education approval of new and closed GT Pathways courses (*Note: **Bold yellow** indicates courses which may require further evaluation of alignment with proposed category.*)

- New

- GT-AH1: MUS 1026 History of Rock and Pop (3) – Colorado Community College System
- **GT-AH2: MAS 260 Corridos: Music, Identity, Cultural Expressions, and Social Narratives in the Borderlands (3)**
- GT-MA1: MATH 120 Mathematics and Liberal Arts (3) – University of Northern Colorado
- GT-SS2: ANT 130 Introduction to Biological Anthropology (3) – University of Northern Colorado
- GT-SS3: ANT 110 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (3) – University of Northern Colorado
- GT-SS3: ANT 120 World Archaeology (3) – University of Northern Colorado

- Closed (Withdrawn from GTP but may still be offered at IHE)

- GT-HI1: HIST 280 History and Philosophy of Travel (3) – Western Colorado University

- Closed (No longer offered at IHE)

- None

Questions were raised regarding category placement and internal consistency for several UNC Anthropology courses; clarification will be sought, and courses may return

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for consideration in May if needed. One course (HIST 280, Western Colorado University) was reported as removed from GT Pathways.

During this time, Council members requested clearer written notification of approved GT Pathways courses, including distribution to registrars. CDHE staff agreed to revise the notification process to send formal approval notices to GE Council members and Registrar’s Council following CCHE approval.

ACTION ITEMS

Issue	Action / Next Step	Assigned To & Date Assigned
Vote on Proposed Items	Complete April 2026 GE Council Voting Form (voting representatives only)	To be completed by Monday, April 20, 2026

