



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); Morgan Bridge (CMU); Helen Caprioglio (CSU-P); Liz Cox (CSM); Kristen Cusack (CCCS-CCA); Danen Jobe (CCCS); Todd Laugen (MSU Denver); Mike Lightner (CU-SYS); Nancy Matchett (UNC); Beth Myers (CU Denver); Katherine Olson (CSU-G); Scott Reichel (Aims); Shaun Schafer (MSU Denver); Tom Siller (CSU); Patrick Tally (CU Boulder); Susan Taylor (UCCS); Susan Young (CCCS-CCA); Jessica Maiorca (CWDC); Renise Walker (CWDC); Christina Carrillo (CDHE); Allana Farley (CDHE); Chris Rasmussen (CDHE)

II. Adoption of last meeting's notes

1. [\[See handout: 2024-05-13- GE Council - NOTES.pdf\]](#)
Notes approved

III. INFORMATION ITEMS

Christina informed Council members that the GT Pathways database has been updated to reflect all new GT Pathways courses that have been submitted since January - she encouraged Council members to check the database (i.e., the Excel spreadsheet) for accuracy.

Chris informed Council members that the Commission approved changes to the Statewide Transfer and GT Pathways policy at their meeting last week - he



reminded Council members that the changes codify additional roles and responsibilities for them as well as public institutions of higher education in relation to statewide transfer articulation agreements. The changes also include the adoption of the new *Colorado GenEd Foundational Skills Credential*.

Liz Cox from Colorado School of Mines (CSM) informed Council members that Mines will accept the new GT-AH1 course, COM 2400 Argumentation & Debate, for transfer credit.

IV. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. SB24-164 open discussion: GE Council member duties and responsibilities description

Department staff reviewed a draft of the Council member duties and responsibilities - this was briefly shared last month during the SB24-164 debrief. Council members provided feedback regarding duties that may only need to be attributed to system and four-year institution representatives only, such as maintaining and providing ongoing review of STAAs, GT Pathways courses, and prior learning matrices, and the recruitment of institutional faculty and other staff to participate in statewide meetings and events. Council members also provided feedback that in order to effectively function on this body, members need the ability to work across their institution. Department staff also noted that this is an active role - the Council has statutory duties with deliverables for the General Assembly.

Department staff will be meeting with CCCS leadership early next month to discuss the expansion of GE Council, as one of the provisions of the bill states “the Department shall add additional representatives as necessary to the Council to ensure equal representation of institutions on the Council.” Department staff hope to plan a retreat for the Council in early fall.

2. Colorado FWD and L/Earner Record presentation (1:30 pm; Renise Walker, CWDC)

Jessica Maiorca, Colorado Workforce Development Council (CWDC), provided an overview of the Colorado FWD program - the focus of the project is to demonstrate the use of learning and employment records to support skills-based practices as a way of improving education and employment outcomes in behavioral health and direct care. The intention is to scale beyond the scope of the initial 18-month project; understanding that credentials will not be eliminated but rather looking at the skills and competencies within the credentials themselves. For those Council members interested in providing feedback or wanting to



learn more about the project, the slide deck with contact information will be provided after the meeting.

3. STAA updates (Christina Carrillo, CDHE)

- Fermentation Sciences

The faculty proposed and affirmed the following revisions to their agreement: changed the written communication requirement to be more flexible; moved the oral communication requirement from general education to “Additional Required Courses”; added “or higher” to the mathematics requirement; chose PHI 2005 Business Ethics as one of the two required arts & humanities courses; added ECO 2001 Principles of Macroeconomics OR ECO 2002 Principles of Microeconomics as one of the two required social & behavioral sciences courses; adjusted the “Additional Required Courses” from 21 credits to 19 credits. Metropolitan State University of Denver has been added to the agreement - they were active participants in the revisions at last fall’s Fac2Fac conference. Council members approved the revisions and recommended moving forward for institutional approval.

4. New and closed GT Pathways courses

New

Colorado Mountain College

- GT-SS3: SUS 1001 Introduction to Sustainability (3)
- GT-SS3: SUS 2001 Issues in Sustainability (3)

Closed

None

