COLORADO
Department of Higher Education

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Meeting	**Joint Academic and General Education Council Meeting** **November 9, 2026** **1:00 – 4:00 pm**
Location	Virtual Only
Call-In Information	Join Zoom Meeting Meeting ID: 829 3410 4689 Passcode: 553295
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. The Academic Council is comprised of Provosts and Chief Academic Officers (CAOs) of the public institutions of higher education.
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. The Academic Council advises the Department in a non-statutory capacity on policy development and implementation, as well as other matters affecting higher education.

AGENDA

I. GREETINGS & INTRODUCTIONS

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

II. Adoption of last meeting's notes

1. *[See handout: 2026-10-12–AC-GE-Council-Joint-Meeting-DRAFT NOTES.docx]*

III. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Review of October 2026 GE Council proposal votes
2. 2026 Math Education Policy & Practice Convening

IV. JOINT COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. COdata Dashboards and Feedback Form (Heather MacGillivary, Colorado Data Connections and Michael Vente, CDHE)
2. Progress Update on Reduced-Credit Bachelor's Degree Programs (Brad Griffith, CDHE)
3. Postsecondary Talent Development System Transition Advisory Committee (TAC) updates
4. Statewide Transfer Policy and Implementation Updates (Carl Einhaus, CDHE and Brad Griffith, CDHE)
5. Statewide Transfer Articulation Agreements (STAAs) Review Timeline and Institutional Approval Process (Christina Carrillo, CDHE)
6. Discussion: US DOE Final Accreditation Rule (Carl Einhaus, CDHE)
7. Colorado Free Application Days Update (Spencer Ellis, CDHE)
8. Required Policy Memo Review: Admissions Standards Policy (Spencer Ellis, CDHE)
9. Discussion: Cybersecurity Pathways from High School to College, Careers, and Service
10. Updates from CCHE Advisors
11. Proposed 2027 Meeting Schedule and Joint Meeting Planning

GE Council (2nd Monday)	Academic Council (2nd Tuesday)	Notes
January 11	N/A	
February 8	February 9	
March 8	N/A	
April 12	April 13	
May 10	N/A	
June 14	June 8	Potential joint meeting
July 12	N/A	
August 9	August 10	
September 13	N/A	
October 11	October 12	
November 8	N/A	
December 13	December 14	Potential joint meeting

The proposed schedule would move Academic Council to an **every-other-month meeting cadence** beginning in 2027.

V. ACADEMIC COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. New, modified, and closed programs
    - New
        - Colorado State University
          Bachelor of Science in Fashion and Textiles
          Graduate Certificate in AI-Driven Business Transformation
          Graduate Certificate in Environmental Data Science
          Graduate Certificate in Grid Modernization
    - Modified
        - None
    - Closed
        - Colorado State University
          Bachelor of Science in Apparel and Merchandising
          Graduate Certificate in Applied Global Stability: Agriculture
          Graduate Certificate in Applied Global Stability: Natural Resources
          Graduate Certificate in Applied Global Stability: Water Resources
          Graduate Certificate in Campus Crisis Management
          Graduate Certificate in French Linguistics and Literary Studies
          Graduate Certificate in International Security
          Graduate Certificate in Spanish Linguistics and Literary Studies

VI. GENERAL EDUCATION COUNCIL DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Discussion of CCHE feedback on GE Council annual recommendations for GT Pathways
2. Spring 2027 Statewide Transfer Conference: Planning and Partnership Opportunities
3. Discussion and affirmation of proposed removal of Aims Community College (Aims) from the STAA in French
4. GT Pathways Waiver Request for Bachelor of Applied Sciences (BAS) in Health Information Management for Arapahoe Community College (ACC)
5. GT Pathways Waiver Request for BAS in Medical Laboratory Science for ACC
6. GT Pathways Waiver Request for BAS in Integrated Building Design for Front Range Community College (FRCC)
7. GT Pathways Waiver Request for BAS in Sonography for Pueblo Community College (PCC)
8. GT Pathways Waiver Request for BAS in Health Information Technology for PCC
9. Continued discussion on limited institutional participation in STAAs
10. Review of CLEP and IB Exam Credit Recommendations and GT Pathways Alignment

11. Institutional transfer share-outs (issues, opportunities, questions)
12. 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
        - None
    - Closed (Withdrawn from GTP but may still be offered at IHE)
        - None
    - Closed (No longer offered at IHE)
        - None

ACTION ITEMS

Issue	Action / Next Step	Assigned To & Date Assigned
Vote on Proposed Items	Complete November 2026 GE Council Voting Form (voting representatives only)	To be completed by **Monday, November 16, 2026**