On February 4, Interim Chancellor Kelly announced the following changes in Pathway policy:

1)      The University will no longer specify a limit on course hours in Common Core areas.  The Common Core model calls for a 30-credit curriculum, and this will remain in place.  However, beginning in fall 2014, colleges can determine how many hours to allocate to courses in the Common Core and will have discretion to allocate hours to courses as they choose, in keeping with college practices.

2)      To date, colleges have been able to seek a waiver if a major or degree program cannot be accommodated within the Common Core framework.  Such waivers have been generated by the CUNY Office of Academic Affairs.  Waivers have been sought in particular in the cases of certain STEM programs or licensed programs of various kinds, where it has proven to be unusually difficult to accommodate 30 credits of general education spread across the eight areas of the Common Core.  In such cases, programs can be helped by allowing the designation of particular courses within the Common Core areas or the College Option.  This practice will continue; efforts will be made to ensure that every college is fully aware of the waiver process.

3)      Faculty members serving on the CUNY-wide Common Core Course Review Committee (CCCRC) will be chosen through college governance processes, beginning with those identified to serve during the 2014-2015 academic year.

Questions regarding the above should be addressed in the first instance to Josh Wilner (jwilner@ccny.cuny.edu), Chair of the CLAS General Education Committee and Ana Vasović (avasovic@ccny.cuny.edu), College-wide Coordinator for General Education, who will in turn consult with the Provost as needed.