

# MINUTES

GWAR Committee

**Meeting Number 11 – Via Zoom**

**May 7, 2021, 1:30 – 3:00**

**In attendance:** Joseph Aubele, Eve Baker, Lori Brown, Jason Deutschman, Annel Estrada, Noah Golden, Sarvenaz Hatami, Elizabeth Lindau, Cynthia Pastrana, Benjamin Perlman, Shabnam Sodagari, and Alexandra Wilkinson. Donna Binkiewicz and Courtney Stammler joined for the conclusion of the meeting.

Brown called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

**Approval of Agenda:** Wilkinson moved, Golden seconded, and the committee unanimously voted to approve the agenda.

**Approval of the Minutes:** The committee reviewed the minutes from the April 16, 2021 meeting. Lindau was asked to amend the wording of a sentence about lower pass rates among Asian American students. After this, Golden moved, Aubele seconded, and the committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes as amended.

**Announcements:** Following a meeting among Brown, Johnson, and the testing office, a fall schedule for administering and reading the GPE online and in person has been developed. It should accommodate every student. Cameras are mandatory for online versions of the test. This will help identify and verify students' identities and flag any suspicious behavior during the exam period. The new GPEAC appointed by the Academic Senate will help determine the future of the GPE.

Graduate students who did not take the online pilot will have an opportunity to take a pilot in June, and transfer students and “native” students will be able to take a pilot in July. This should alleviate any accumulated backlog of students. Brown reported that the waiver process revealed some students who were languishing behind on their progress toward fulfilling the GWAR. This should bring us a “clean slate.”

**Ad-Hoc Writing Intensive (WI) Course Committee and WI Course Review:** Hatami and Wilkinson reported on behalf of the WI subcommittee, which had agreed to review a course submitted by CL—Journalism 360—at the last minute.



A third discussion of **GPE Data Analysis** with Lizette Rojas and Kerry Johnson did not happen during this meeting.

**GWAR Coordinator's report:** At the conclusion of the meeting, Brown looked to the future. This has been a year of trying to keep the program going, simply waiving requirements, and "playing around the edges" of our policies. We planned for fall, graduated some people, and made it possible for others to graduate. Brown discussed a potential survey of student and faculty perspectives of writing on campus. Sending material out to the whole campus would be a big deal! A similar survey was performed when Brown was a committee member, but nothing ever cha ( w)-0.9 (e)-r,ta9.9(re)-3.35(u)-5l)-4.1 (t)-0.9.(pBunsoa n fc