

Minutes

GWAR Committee

1:30 – 3:00

Meeting Number 13

May 3, 2024

In attendance: Lori Brown, Eve Baker, Jill De La Torre, Megan Griffith-Pina, Lorenzo Gutierrez-Jarquín, Ber Perlman, Loretta Ramirez, Deepti Singh, Courtney Stammers, Alexandra Wilkinson

Call to Order: 1:36 P.M.

Approval of Agenda

A quorum is not in attendance at the time. If a quorum is met before the end of the meeting, Singh moves to approve the agenda, and Wilkinson seconds. The agenda is approved if a quorum is met.

Approval of meeting Minutes for April 19, 2024

A quorum is not in attendance at the time. If a quorum is met before the end of the meeting, Baker motions to approve the minutes, and Perlman seconds the motion. The minutes are approved if a quorum is met.

Announcements

Ramirez notes that GPEAC just completed a session and approved three prompts for circulation.

Testing Update

Baker notes that the Summer Exam is Scheduled for May 31st. Baker notes that

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GWAR policy proposal, and the second lower division writing class will likely be lost. Wilkinson notes that could change, but it could not.

Ramirez asked the group for their opinion on potentially losing the second division writing class and about having the second WI course required in the student major. However, Ramirez notes that there has been a lot of pushback on this requirement.

Stammler asks if the committee can vote on the policy changes previously discussed and send the proposal to the Academic Senate. Wilkinson notes that it is still being discussed in CEPC before going to Senate. Wilkinson states that the committee has been working on this proposal for a long time and understands that GWARC does not want to compromise any more than it already has. Wilkinson also understands that it is not possible to please all stakeholders. Stammler asks if it could be up to the college rather than the departments. Wilkinson notes one possible solution could be for colleges to designate students to take a particular class by requiring that class as a major requirement already. While other colleges and majors could leave it open if they prefer. Singh notes frustration about losing the writing courses does not want to lose any of them. Perlman notes that losing the lower division W course is not ideal but favors putting resources into preserving the upper division WI classes. Gutierrez notes that it is valuable to ensure students develop writing skills early in their college careers. This will ripple into all other classes they take later.

Ramirez understands that the committee wants to keep all four proposed writing classes. Wilkinson notes that ideally, the committee wants all four classes but is willing to compromise with three writing classes if it is more likely to pass. Gutierrez suggests that keeping the two lower and only one upper division could be more beneficial. Wilkinson states that the transfer students would be left out of this equation. Gutierrez asks if upper division Gutierrez

disciplines. Brown states that either way this campus will have to double the number of WI classes. Ramirez agrees with Wilkinson that allowing students to explore in one WI class can be beneficial while having another a more discipline specific WI. Brown states that she can support this.

Stammler notes that if this campus removes the GPA when we need the writing to occur in the classes Stammler adds that to have a viable degree from this university, the degree must include writing.

New Business

New business was not discussed at this meeting.

Adjournment : 2:57 P.M.

Submitted by,

Alexandra Wilkinson