

MINUTES

GWAR Committee

1:30 – 3:00

Meeting Number 1

September 15, 2023

Call to Order: 1:35 pm

In attendance: Eve Baker, Lori Brown, Navdeep Dhillon, Tom Do, Meghan Griffin-Pina, Lorenzo Gutierrez-Jarquin, Sarvenaz Hatami, Jeff Klaus, Loretta Ramirez, Deepti Singh, Courtney Stammler, Alexandra Wilkinson

Approval of Agenda

Wilkinson moves to approve the agenda and Singh seconds the motion. The minutes are approved unanimously.

Approval of meeting Minutes for May 5. 2023

Baker moves to approve the minutes from May 5th 2023 and Dhillon seconds the motion. The minutes are approved unanimously.

Welcome N

Brown notes that it is not a huge time commitment, and people can often work on prompts asynchronously and meet as a greater group to share.

Brown notes that writing intensive classes on our campus need to have a minimum of 5000 and demonstrate drafting and provide feedback. This class does not appear to meet this requirement. The class requires two short papers of 500 to 1000 words each and a final paper of up to 1500

waived a portfolio course previously. Stammler comments that the student will have a great need to write effectively as an international business student with a legal studies certificate. Wilkinson notes that if the student is experiencing issues with the additional allowed time BMAC recommends, then the student should reach out to BMAC for changes. The student will most likely experience additional timed writing exams in other classes. Changing the BMAC accommodations will protect this student for the remainder of their time at the university.

Brown calls for a vote to affirm TX39 request to waive the portfolio course they are currently enrolled in. The waiver is unanimously denied.

Student # 4WT40

WT40 is a student that has a job offer, and it is contingent on a summer 2023 graduation date. WT40 took CAFF 427 and received a D in the class. The D grade does not meet the GVAR. WT40 is currently enrolled in the WI GEO 355, should the waiver be denied. WT40 is requesting that the committee accept the D in CAFF 427 to meet the GVAR and have graduation date of Summer 2023. Brown received a note from advising that the student was fully aware they needed a C to meet the GVAR. The student also submitted an offer letter to advisors that noted a required background check. The background check will reveal the student did not graduate in Summer 2023 which means the job offer will be rescinded.

Wilkinson asks if this committee has ever allowed a D as a passing WI class grade. Brown notes that she is not aware of this happening. Gutierrez-Jarquin notes that the student took CAFF 427 twice, and received a D in both attempts. Singh is concerned about denying the student's waiver and, therefore, the job offer. Hatami asked if this type of concern could have been addressed with the instructor. Brown notes that the student could have worked with them, but we do not have those details. Singh echoes this. Brown agrees there were many options the student could have taken with the professor of the class. Stammler is concerned about why the student did not prioritize the WI class as a graduation requirement when the student clearly knew they wanted to work for this particular company. The student also took IS 301 prior to the class becoming a WI and is outside the request window to apply for it. The committee is very sympathetic to the student's situation. However, the committee believes it is unfair to waive this class and it could open requests for additional waived classes for future students.

Brown calls for a vote for all those in favor of accepting the D in CAFF 427 as a passing WI grade. The request is denied.

Old Business

WAC Proposal – Online Module Ideas

New Business

Adjournment: 3:16 pm