

GENERAL EDUCATION/GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS POLICIES COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF [11/7/2016]

Approved: [3/7/2017]

CALL TO ORDER:

The Chair called the meeting to order 3:05

ROLL CALL:

Roll was taken.

Voting Members: Angela Clark-Oates, Andrew Hertzoff, Sue Holl, Dana Kivel, Thomas Krabacher, Reza Peigahi (Chair), Chris Taylor

Non-Voting/Ex-Officio Members: Nicole Baptista (USA), Chevelle Newsome (Academic Affairs) Taylor Myers (ASI)

Guests: David Toise (Chair, English)

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Approved

1. **OPEN FORUM:** Sue Holl commented on the implementation of Smart Planner, reporting that aspects of it seem “slow and clunky”, but acknowledged that support personnel have been good in devising work-arounds.
2. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None
3. **CHAIRS REPORT:**
 - Chair Peigahi reported on the recent Cal Poly, Pomona workshop on WASC MQID competencies. The key take-away was that it is important that faculty have control over assessment and, at some point, faculty will need to identify learning outcomes. Discussion followed.
 - Chair Peigahi announced that, in response to a request from the Senate chair, the Committee will run (1) future surveys and (2) all sets of learning outcomes through the Senate Executive Committee before circulating them campus wide.
4. **OUTCOMES FOR REQUIREMENTS IN UNITED STATES HISTORY, THE CONSTITUTION, AND AMERICAN IDEALS:** These requirements were brought up for Committee discussion. The Chair and Dean Newsome would follow-up on the results of the survey.
5. **COLLEGE COMPOSITION II LEARNING OUTCOMES:** Angela Clark-Oates and David Toise (English) described the writing program learning outcomes as developed by the Writing and Reading Subcommittee, which are built around ENG 5, 10, 11, and 20. A handout



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containing the learning goals for English 20, which meets the Composition II requirement, was distributed. During the subsequent discussion reference was made to a key question about such learning outcomes that had been raised in the recent WASC workshop: *Do students understand what they are being asked to do?*

6. ADVISING WORKSHOPS: Two workshops on advising are currently scheduled for the 2016-17 academic year:

- Advising 101 (November 21st): Topics will be the Advising Center and GE advising. Chris Taylor will help set this up.
- Advising 102 (Spring Semester): It will focus on how the advising process works from the student perspective. Date has yet to be set, but Peigahi/Meyers/Kagianas will take the lead in setting it up.

7. OTHER: Chair Peigahi briefly referred committee members to other potential topics the GE/GR Committee may take up during the remainder of the 2015-2016 academic year. Following this, he asked if there were further items for committee discussion. Several items were raised, resulting in a 30 minute, wide-ranging discussion. These included:

- a. *Associate Deans:* Sue Holl raised the question of why all colleges are now required to have second associate dean. This, in turn, led to a broader discussion about advising and resources. Discussion moved onto to:
- b. *GE Advising:* Why GE advising was separate from that for the major, and this in turn led to the topic of:
- c. *Tenure/Tenure-Track (T/TT) Faculty and GE:* Concern was expressed over the role of tenure/tenure-track faculty in GE teaching and advising. It was stated that there appears to be a disengagement of T/TT faculty from GE, who tend to see it as just an add-on to their programs. Increasingly, GE has become the purview of part-time adjunct faculty. There was pushback against this generalization, however. David Toise pointed out that English T/TT faculty regularly teach LD GE.

As a result of the above, Chair Peigahi asked whether the committee should consider issuing one or more general statements on the following topics:

- a. A statement examining various factors, esp. advising and faculty workload, as they affect GE;
- b. Establishing a goal that a certain percentage (%) of GE courses be taught by T/TT faculty.

No firm answer to this question was arrived at, however.

8. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 4:10 pm.