

GENERAL EDUCATION/GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS POLICIES COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF [11/6/2017]

Approved: [12/4/2017]

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Chair called the meeting to order 3:02 pm.

2. ROLL CALL:

Roll was taken.

Voting Members: Nicole Buffard, Julie Fogarty, Andrew Hertzoff, Sue Holl, Katherine Jamieson, Thomas Krabacher, Alexandra Morrison, Reza Peigahi (Chair), Chris Taylor

Non-Voting/Ex-Officio Members: Noel Mora (ASI)

Guests:

Lisa Hammersley (NS&M Associate Dean), Vivian Llamas-Green (Office of the Registrar), Todd Migliaccio

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Approved

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF 10/16//17: Approved

5. OPEN FORUM:

- SUE HOLL and TOM KRABACHER reported on events at the previous week's statewide Academic Senate (ASCSU) plenary, focusing on the ASCSU expressed concern over the lack of genuine consultation with the faculty regarding the implementation of EO 1100 & 1110, and the Chancellor's agreement to the establishment of small group discussions between the ASCSU and the Chancellor's Office to repair relations and move forward.
- VIVIAN LLAMAS-GREEN reported on similar concerns were expressed at recent meeting of Registrars; Assistant Vice Chancellor Eric Forbes acknowledged that there are a lot of issues to work through in regard to their implementation. .
- Committee discussion then ensued.

6. CHAIRS REPORT:

CHAIR PEIGAH I reported on the recent meeting of the CSU General Education Task Force held at Sacramento State on October 27, 2017. He felt that it was productive. The next meeting will take place in early December.

7. DEAN'S REPORT: No report was provided

8. GE AREA B – CONCERNS FROM COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES & MATHEMATICS (Assoc. Dean Hammersley)



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ASSOC. DEAN HAMMERSLEY sought guidance as to whether upper-division courses could qualify for GE areas B1, B2, and B4, or whether all Area B upper-division courses in Area B were restricted to B5. This is complicated by fact that there currently are lower-division courses in B5. The concern is that w/o guidance students may:

- take upper-division course when they should be taking lower-division classes;
- ignore upper-division courses outside of Area B5 because they think they have to take a B5 course offering.

DEAN HAMMERSLEY had no preference either way and just wanted clarity. A wide-ranging discussion followed where topics raised included:

- the appropriate role of prerequisites in UD GE courses; the need to keep requirements easily understandable for students [*“Can a student read the catalog and figure out what they need to take without sitting down with an advisor?”*];
- Options were suggested, such as:
 - majors could require students to take specific courses to meet their UD GE;
 - possibly separating out lower- and upper-division courses in Areas B, C, & D. [i.e., creating separate categories within each GE area; it was pointed out that if this is done for Area B5, it needs to be done for other GE areas as well.
- Questions were raised as to where GE advising should occur [a common perception is that GE/GR advising occurs in Academic Affairs, major advising in departments], but there is a growing shift in culture toward integrated advising.
- CHRIS TAYLOR suggested need for separate meeting to review the B5 question.

In the end, the Committee decided to make it an agenda item at a future meeting at which the options discussed above – including the possibility of making Area B% upper-division only – would be considered.

- 9. SENATE TASK FORCE:** A Senate task force charged with defining what constitutes Lower-Division, Upper-Division, and Graduate coursework is likely to be formed and potential members are being sought. ANDREW HERTZOFF and CHRIS TAYLOR volunteered.
- 10. REVIEW OF AREAS B4 AND B5:** CHAIR PEIGAHY reported that he was unable to convene the relevant working group.
- 11. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 4:16 PM.