

**GENERAL EDUCATION/GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS
POLICY COMMITTEE
2013-2014**

Minutes

March 3, 2014

Approved April 7, 2014

Present: Tanya Altmann, Nicole Baptista, Lisa Harrison, Janet Hecsh (Senate Chair), Andrew Hertzoff, Sue Holl, Dana Kivel (Chair), Tom Krabacher, Sheree Meyer (Academic Affairs), Jeff Niu, Mitch Numark, Ravin Pan, Reza Peigahi, Chris Taylor

Absent: Chantel Banus (ASI), Carol Downey (USA)

Guests: Nicole Buffard, (Foreign Languages) Dan Melzer (Reading and Writing Subcommittee),

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 3:05 PM.
2. **Open forum:**
 - Sue Holl reported on status of system-wide efforts -- including the status of the exemption request process – to bring Engineering programs into alignment with the 120/180 unit requirement;
 - Reza Peigahi reported on the different GE program options discussed at a recent meeting on GE held by the American association of Colleges & Universities (AAC&U).
3. **Agenda:** The agenda was approved.
4. **Minutes:** The minutes of February 17, 2014 meeting were approved.
5. **Writing Proposal Revisions:** (Dan Melzer)
Dan Melzer reported on changes made by the Reading & Writing Subcommittee's proposed revisions to the Comprehensive Writing Programs proposal in light of earlier comments/suggestions from GE/GR Committee.

The Committee endorsed the proposed changes and recommended the proposal be sent on to the Curriculum Policies Committee.
6. **GWAR Discussion** (Sheree Meyer)
Associate Dean Meyer explained that the university is looking for clarification from the Committee on what it would like to see in the campus GWAR policy. She noted that there is considerable variation in the nature of GWAR policies among CSU campuses, and that this can complicate the transfer process. The most urgent question is: What should be the university policy on the GWAR when it comes to transfers?

It was MSC that transfer students who have successfully completed a test placement of the GVAR on another campus be permitted to move directly into a Writing Intensive class. This policy is to be effective for a two-year trial period, through Spring 2016, at which time it will be reviewed.

7. **Small Group Work:**

It was initially suggested that, at this point in the meeting, the Committee break up into small groups for the purpose of discussing the Global Awareness requirement proposal and/or Thematic GE. After brief discussion it was decided the Committee would not do so at this time.

8. **Announcements:** Chair Kivel announced the following upcoming events:

- Friday, March 3rd: The A open forum will take place from 10:00-11:30 AM in the Summit Room;
- Thursday, March 13th: The proposed GE assessment policy will return for a second reading in the Senate.

9. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 4:05 PM

Respectfully submitted

Thomas Krabacher