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GWAR Committee

1:30 – 3:00

Meeting Number 9

January 20, 2023

In attendance: Joseph Aubele, Eve Baker, Lori Brown, Jason Deutschman, Annel Estrada, Sarvenaz Hatami, Henry Lawrence, Benjamin Perlman, Loretta Ramirez, Deepti Singh, Courtney Stammler, Alexandra Wilkinson

Approval of Agenda

Aubele moved to approve the agenda, and Perlman seconded the motion. The agenda is unanimously approved.

Approval of meeting Minutes for December 2

Note: Change Joseph Aubele name to the correct spelling. These minutes will be voted on next meeting.

Announcements

Brown begins with a summary of what occurred in the previous meeting. At the end of Fall 2022 semester, there were a number of students that petitioned to graduate but never attempted to take the GPE. A discussion occurred among many stakeholders. Native and transfer students did not take the GPE for a variety of reasons. At the end of Meeting 8, the GVAR committee was not supportive of the idea of waiving multiple students from the GPE. Over winter break, a variety of people and offices worked together to identify 45 students that needed to take the GPE to graduate. The testing department, GVAR, and ATS agreed to make an online GPE available over Winter break. Over the break, 25 students took the opportunity.

Sub announcement: The Academic Senate is meeting this coming week on January 24th. Kerry Johnson, Lori Brown, and a data specialist will be presenting the preliminary data found on the GPE, and WI classes early in the pandemic.

GWAR Coordinator's report

4.1 Student Petition(s) for Waiver of GVAR

Request 1: ZK30 believes she was told by her advisor that she could be waived from taking the GPE. As evidence, ZK30 offers an email stating that she misunderstood and thought she was waived. However, the committee does not have an email from the advisor stating ZK30 was waived from the GPE.

Deutschman asked if she was included in the group of 45 students identified as needing to take the GPE and offered the opportunity to do so. Estrada confirms that she was offered the opportunity to take the test over winter break. Deutschman and Estrada note that this student was

informed that there is a misunderstanding and that she needed to take the GPE. Stammeler notes that the student is currently enrolled in a writing intensive this Spring semester. The student did not take advantage of the exam being offered.

Brown calls for a vote on the request of ZK30 to waive the entire GEAR. The board unanimously denied the waiver request of ZK30.

Request 2: Brown notes that NH31 provided an undated doctor's note stating that NH31 should be waived from the GPE, as well as all in person classes. The note states that she is undergoing treatment, and it interferes with the exam and her ability to commute to campus. However, the note does not say anything about potentially taking the GPE online. It is possible that the doctor is not aware that an online exam is an option. But nonetheless, this is the recommendation.

Wilkinson states that she has a note mentioning that she cannot take the exam in person, and should be noted with the BMAC office. Stammeler states that the note does not have a date and this is concerning. Stammeler further stresses why the student cannot take the exam online. Deutschman notes that the student has filed to graduate in summer 2023. To further investigate Estrada discovers that NH31 is registered for all online courses and one in person class. Baker reached out to contacts and found that NH31 is not registered with the BMAC office at this time. NH31 is also currently registered for a future online GPE without accommodations.

Brown calls for a vote of waiving NH31 GPE requirement. The GEAR committee unanimously denied NH31 waiver request.

Deepti makes a motion to allow NH31 to resubmit the waiver request after applying for BMAC accommodation. Wilkinson seconds the motion. The motion to resubmit the application with BMAC accommodation is unanimously approved.

Request 3: HI32 offers a note from a mental health care professional encouraging that she be excused from the GPE.

Stammeler begins by asking if this student is registered with the BMAC office or has any other testing accommodations. Deutschman notes that the student is registered for two internship courses and some online courses and is expected to graduate in Summer 2023. Brown notes this letter needs to go through the BMAC office. Most of this GEAR committee is in support of sending this student to the BMAC office.

Brown makes a motion on the waiver of the GEAR for HI32. Wilkinson seconds the waiver, and the request of HI32 is unanimously denied.

Wilkinson makes a motion to allow HI32 to resubmit the waiver request after applying for BMAC accommodation. Perlman seconds the motion. The motion to allow HI32 to resubmit the application with BMAC accommodation is unanimously approved.

New Business

Adjournment: 2:40 pm

Submitted by,

Alexandra Wilkinson