

**MINUTES**  
**GWAR Committee**  
**PSY 320**  
**1:30-3:00**

**Meeting Number 7**  
**March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019**

In attendance: Rebekha Abbuhl, Lori Smurthwaite, Eve Baker, Joseph Aubele, John Scenters-Zapico, Cynthia Pastrana, Rebecca Lemme, Mahdi Yoozbashizadeh, Eileen Klink

- Approval of agenda
  - Approved
- Minutes of meeting on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018
  - Approved
- Announcements
  - The reading for the GPE on is on March 9<sup>th</sup>
  - The reading for GPE Pilots is March 8<sup>th</sup>
  - The GWAR In-Person Advisor is located in SSC Room 140.
- GWAR waiver petition process
  - The committee approved the following modifications to the GWAR waiver petition process:
    - Require students to submit all info before the committee considers
    - Change the wording in the policy to “evidence of efforts to improve writing” from: “efforts to satisfy GWAR.”
    - Permit the inclusion of relevant evidence such as “on the job” writing.
    - Include transcripts from CSULB or other Universities
    - The above would be sufficient to consider
    - These suggestions were approved. MSP.
- GWAR Waivers
  - Two waivers were approved.
- Update on status of GEGR discussion
  - There has been considerable pushback on campus specific requirements.
  - One possibility in the future is that the campus-specific writing requirement may be handled at the college level.
  - Currently, some colleges at CSULB are in the process of creating alternatives to the GWAR.
    - This raises two concerns: (1) if colleges are going ahead under the assumption that they will ultimately be able to decide how “GWAR” is handled, and in the end, the academic senate votes against that and wants a campus-wide policy, how will that be handled? Will individual colleges be granted exceptions? And (2) if colleges are going ahead under the assumption that they will ultimately be able to decide how “GWAR” is handled, and in the end, this comes to pass, will there be guidelines or parameters set by the GWAR Committee

or other body?

- The GEAR Committee needs information on what individual colleges are planning so we can be kept in the loop.
- As Engineering is one of those colleges, Mahdi was asked to present information about the COE's writing proposal at the next meeting.
- GEAR will be discussed statewide. Many campuses pushing for 9 units of GEAR.
- The GE task force put together a report, which will be distributed to the committee. (Note: The report has not yet been approved.)
- Training for new readers
  - A date for training will be set.
  - Trainers will be reimbursed for their work.
- Changing the GPE reading process
  - Due to the uncertain status of the GPE, plans to allow for uploading exams to a "drop-box" have been put on hold.
- Adjournment

Submitted by,

Max Rosenkrantz

(These minutes were approved on 3/15/19.)