



**California State University, Long Beach
Curriculum and Educational Policies Council**

**Minutes – AY2023-24 – Meeting 11
Wednesday, March 13th, 2024, 2:00-4:00 PM
Zoom: <https://csulb.zoom.us/j/87893439081>
Meeting ID: 878 9343 9081**

Attendees: Henry O'Lawrence, Jeff Bentley, K. Lee-Fruman, Michael Eisenstadt, Kirsten Sumpter, Kelly Leah Stewart, Itxaso Rodriguez, Chloe Pascual, Laura Forrest, Robert Moushon, Rajbir Judge, Amin Rezaei, Babette Benken, Craig Macaulay, Kerry Johnson, Lori Brown, Chris Swarat, Jermie Arnold, Yutian Kate Chen, Mariya Mileva, Michelle Barrack, Praveen Shankar, Mehrdad Aliasgari, Wendi Gilchrist

1. Approval of the agenda- Approved
2. Approval of minutes from February 28th, 2024 Meeting- Approved
3. Announcements
 - a. Another in-person on March 27 or April 10. Jeff will look for a room on April 10. Not hybrid.
 - b. GEGC is crafting GE policy to align with CalGETC. On March 25, they plan to send us their GE policy.
 - i. *Everyone please look it over before our March 27 meeting.*
 - ii. We will also look at it on April 10.
 - iii. CO wants it by the end of the semester which is an aggressive timeline. We will do our best.
 - iv. Area E (lifelong learning) and C3 (arts and humanities) will be gone.
4. Consent Calendar
 - a. GEAR recommends CHLS 412A be a Writing Intensive (WI) course.
5. Review of proposed revisions to **Policy 12-12, Graduate Writing Assessment Requirement** – (Second Reading) (Time Certain: 2:15pm)
 - a. Changes introduced by Lori Brown.
 - i. Most changes came from CalGETC changes.



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- ii. §2.3.1.1 and 2.3.1.2: 3rd class is now WI, and will be WI (therefore 5000 words instead of 3500).
 - iii. Updated W and WI throughout policy.
 - iv. Asked not to have UWC as acronym, so possibly UWACC (University Writing Across the Curriculum Committee)
 - v. CalGETC composition courses require 22 students, so W courses match that.
 - vi. WI courses can have up to 22, but recommended 18.
 - vii. §2.6 Because we will no longer have WPE to identify students who need extra writing help, we need something to assist students who need extra writing help, so online Canvas modules are required to be provided for Writing courses, to be assigned as needed by lower division W course instructor.
 - viii. Theses that total 3 units can be submitted by programs to be a WI.
 - ix. *Think about course cap discussion for next meeting.***
- b. English Comp courses under CalGETC must have 5000 words, 4000 of which is final product.
 - c. §2.7.2 Question: What is the difference now between W and WI? A: Combines the disciplinary writing with the writing element. Meets the statewide GVAR requirement. At least 2/3 of grade based on writing. May need stronger language to differentiate in policy.
 - d. §2.3.1.3 In upper level there is a suggestion to delete “in or specified by the department of the student’s major.” Discussion of whether the req will add units for students. Response that current system often has students going outside of their major for WI. Clarification that a course can be both GE and WI.
 - i. Nothing stops departments from listing all WI courses as being okay for their majors for the 3rd class.
 - ii. Comment: It is not possible to have WI courses within the CNSM major. Putting 2000 students into 22-student courses that don’t exist right now is not possible. How can we come up with 100 new sections of courses? Answer: funding requests are in to campus admin, but we don’t have an answer yet. Response: 400 level courses in CNSM have 80-100 people, and that is why 22 student classes will require a large number of extra sections. Jeff: Bring these comments so we can change the policy as needed.



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- iii. Comment: This is not implementable in CNSM. This should have been brought to departments for comment and practical issues in the early stages.
 - iv. Comment: I am in support of this because we don't like to send students out of the major.
 - v. Comment: I am concerned about how difficult it will actually be to transform existing courses to WI. Response: I am in favor of this, but it is a lot of work in my experience. This is an unfunded mandate.
 - vi. Question: Which req is not required by CO's GWAR mandate? Answer: The 3rd class in the series. [Clarification: The Writing Composition (currently A2) course is required by GE, and the proposed Critical Thinking and Composition course (currently A3) would be required if the CalGETC requirements are used for all students. Therefore, these required GE courses are proposed to fold into the new GWAR requirements. GWAR policy only requires the final Writing Intensive course. The Writing course (3rd class) would be a campus requirement.]
 - vii. Motions to table until we hear from URC: 12 in favor. 4 opposed. Jeff will follow up with Pei Fang. Lori will also send Jeff the request for funding that GWAR sent to admin.
6. Two proposals from the Department of Economics – (First Reading) (Time Certain: 3:15pm)
- a. Proposed degree designation and Classification of Instructional Program (CIP) code change from Bachelor of Arts in Economics to **Bachelor of Science in Economics**
 - b. Proposed degree designation and Classification of Instructional Program (CIP) code change from Bachelor of Arts in Economics, Option in Mathematical Economics and Economic Theory to **Bachelor of Science in Economics, Option in Mathematical Economics and Economic Theory**
 - c. Yutian Kate Chen introduces issue. Majority of students support a STEM designation. Employers are looking for BS graduates. This is a very rigorous program, and meets the requirements for a BS degree.
 - d. Comment: Only the CO can designate a program as STEM.
 - e. STEM designation is different from move from BA to BS.
<https://www.ice.gov/doclib/sevis/pdf/stemList2023.pdf>



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7. Proposed name change from Bachelor of Science in Nutrition and Food Science, Option in Nutrition and Dietetics to **Bachelor of Science in Nutrition and Food Science, Option in Nutrition**– (First Reading) (Time Certain: 3:30pm)
- Dietetics will be moved to the graduate level.
 - Aligns with movement in the field.
 - Majority of 80 students in Nutrition and Dietetics are on track for completion by Fall 2025.
 - First reading waived.
 - 13 in favor of name change. 0 opposed, 0 abstain. Passes.
8. Proposed discontinuance of the **Master of Science in Computer Science, Option in Computer Engineering** – (First Reading) (Time Certain: 3:45pm)
- Due to 1071, we had to elevate or discontinue, but it is a very small program. None of the courses are going away.
 - Teach out: There are currently only two students in this option. One has a comp exam this week, and the other has finished his coursework and will be working on his thesis. And all of the courses still exist as electives for Comp Sci degree. Faculty will still be teaching.
 - First reading waived.
 - 12 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained. Passes.
9. Adjournment 3:56pm

Next meeting: March 27th, 2024