

Minutes
Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement Committee
Meeting 13
May 2, 2025
1:30pm-3:00pm

In attendance: Eve Baker, Nicollette Brant, Lori Brown, Tom Do, Jill De le Torre, Lisa Fascia, Lorenzo Gutierrez-Jarquin, Katherine Guerra, Eileen Klink, Loretta Ramirez, Courtney Stammler, Maiyoua Vang, Alexandra Wilkinson

Call to Order: 1:32 pm

Approval of Agenda

Stammler moves to approve the agenda, and Baker seconds the motion. The agenda is approved.

Approval of Minutes for 4-18-2025

Baker moves to approve the minutes, and Stammler seconds the motion. The minutes are approved.

Announcements

CEPC Policy Updates

Ramirez notes that the CEPC version of the policy proposal is moving along in the Senate. Ramirez states that in this current proposal, this committee will maintain the GWARC name. Stammler asks how the Senate arrived at this decision. Ramirez notes continuity. Ramirez notes that in the last Senate meeting, there was a request to reverse the Chancellor's office GPE cancellation and potentially reinstate the GPE and the portfolio classes. This motion did not pass in the Senate. Brown asks if the vote was close. Ramirez states it was 61% in favor and 39% opposed, but it did not reach the threshold to even put up for a vote.

Klink notes that there is a concern about transferring credits, particularly with writing class transfer units. Klink also notes that modules and embedded tutors may not support students in writing classes as efficiently as portfolio classes. Klink also notes that WASC is concerned about writing ability. Klink states that English 100B will be evaluated in the future. However, there is no rubric yet, but is told the assessment will examine grammar, composition, and syntax. Klink also states concerns over AI graders. Do asks if English 100B will be evaluated using an English department rubric or another rubric? Klink states our rubric so that critical thinking is evaluated.

Brown notes that the campus will be evaluating WI classes using the same rubric for the evaluation of A2 courses. Our campus is asking for all documentation and all writing in WI

classes and a random sample will be taken. Stammeler asks what the justification is. Brown notes that every year, the campus evaluates one type of course and the WI classes were chosen this year. The Institutional and Program Assessment Council (IPAC) will be evaluating. Brown also notes that it will not involve GEAR, nor is GEAR being evaluated. Only student writing will be evaluated. Do notes concern over not accessing the pedagogy of writing. Brant notes that WASC has a predetermined rubric that may be used to evaluate courses.

GEAR Coordinator's Report

Student cases

Brown notes that there was an Art History course that was advertised to be a Writing Intensive Class for the study abroad program. After completing the study abroad class, the student went to an advisor and was told the class was not a writing intensive course. The student took AH 432 Museum and Gallery Practices. Brown notes that GEAR used to be part of GE. Some places online or on our website that are deeply embedded may have mentions of it which can confuse students. Brown states that this course has not been offered as a writing intensive for nearly 20 years.

Students were informed that it would be counted as the WI if they hadn't already met the WI in some other way through a flyer. Brown notes that students were given false information. Gutierrez-Jarquín is in favor of granting credit, as students were told something by an official on campus. Brown notes that GEAR is not here to adjudicate student writing but this class appears to be taught like a WI class. Fascia states that WI is not part of GE. However, when students search for classes, WI still falls under GE, as this is how students locate courses. Wilkinson asks how many students were impacted. Brown notes that nine students have been impacted.

Vote: Gutierrez-Jarquín moves to grant WI credit to all students enrolled in the course Spring 2025 Study Abroad in England program who passed with a C or better. Stammeler seconds the motion. Twelve members voted in favor, and none were opposed. The motion passes.

Ramirez notes that the committee will have external reviewers sometime in October.

Ramirez thanks the committee for all the dedicated work they have done over the year!

Next Meeting: September 5, 1:30-3:00 pm

Adjournment: 2:43 pm

Submitted by,

Alexandra Wilkinson