



# CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH

## General Education Governing Committee

### Minutes

September 25, 2017

2:00pm – 4:00pm – Office of the President Conference Room, BH-302

Members Present: Beth Eldon, Duan Jackson, Kerry Johnson, Mary McPherson, Josh Palkki, Birgit Penzenstadler (Secretary), Ruth Piker (Chair), Grace Reynolds, Cheryl Rock, Michael Schramm, Tiffini Travis (Vice-Chair), Cory Wright, John Scenters-Zapico, Danielle Carancho (ASI President's designee), Rebecca Sittler-Schrock, Paula Hao

Guests Present: Jody Cormack, Interim Vice Provost and Dean of Graduate Studies

- I. Call to Order at 2:03pm
- II. Approval of Agenda –
  - A. (M) Penzenstadler, (S) Wright; agenda unanimously approved
- III. Approval of Minutes: GEGC Minutes from 9-11-17 posted on BeachBoard
  - A. Rebecca Sittler Schrock volunteered to be COTA liaison
  - B. Editing moratorium language: *“Declaring moratorium on GE course proposals, with the exception of new or reclassified upper-level courses meeting EO 110 requirements, CSULB B2 courses, newly developed A1 courses meeting EO 1110 requirements, and courses with special circumstances, which will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis; motion to work with CEP to move forward with stated moratorium”*
  - C. After revisions, (M) Eldon, (S) Penzenstadler to approve amended minutes, minutes are unanimously approved
- IV. Announcements
  - A. Category B Policy Language
    - i. Dr. Kris Slowinski, Associate Dean from the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, presented CNSM draft proposal of B2 guidelines
      1. Dr. Slowinski reviewed that one of the results of EO 1110 is the elimination of the ELM and ELM content
      2. CNSM felt it was necessary to create guidelines for B2 courses
      3. Wanted to initiate conversation regarding B2 – quantitative reasoning requirements
      4. Committee members discussed need to meet EO 1100 Fall 2018 deadlines as well as meet demand EO 1110 requirements
      5. Committee reviewed existing GE policy regarding B2 requirements
      6. Committee members reviewed CNSM proposed B2 guidelines and noted that a course shouldn't have to meet all CNSM proposal language to be designated a B2 GE course, Dr. Slowinski agreed that a course shouldn't have to meet all requirements laid out in CNSM proposal

7. Committee members agreed to review proposal and determine how it can fit into any new development of B2 GE category guidelines
  8. Dr. Slowinski discussed effects of EO 1110 on B2 GE category
    - a. Support courses for students that need math remediation are being developed as a 1-unit co-requisite to entry level math courses
    - b. Newly developed B2 category courses are being developed and will be submitted to GEGC in near future
    - c. Committee members questioned if a 1-unit support course would be enough support for students that are already struggling with math skills
- ii. Mary McPherson presented draft of Category B GE policy changes
1. Mary outlined possible B language created on behalf of committee utilizing the language of EO 1100
  2. Committee reviewed current CSULB GE policy for B1 and B2 categories comparing it to EO 1100 B1-B4 language
  3. Committee discussed if non-CNSM/COE courses could fit within CSULB B1 categories based on EO 1100 language
  4. Committee discussed altering CSULB B1 category definition to match EO 1100 guidelines
    - a. (M) Wright, (S) Eldon to recommend the following sentence from EO 1100 be added to CSULB GE policy for B1 category: “[Such studies] *will* [promote understanding and appreciation of the methodologies of science as investigative tools, the limitations of scientific endeavors], *and of the value systems and ethics associated with human inquiry...*” With the understanding that this recommendation will be forward to CEP and Academic Senate for final approval; unanimously approved.
  5. Committee reviewed CSULB B2 GE guidelines and EO 1100 B4 requirements
    - a. Committee discussed if CSULB B2 courses could be either lower-or-upper division courses to meet either B2 or upper-division B requirements as required by EO 1100
    - b. Committee discussed adopting EO 1100 B4 (CSULB B2) GE guidelines
    - c. (M) Travis (S) Reynolds – GEGC recommends replacement of CSULB B2 GE policy with EO 1100 B4 language: “*Through courses in Subarea B4 students shall demonstrate the abilities to reason quantitatively, practice computational skills, and explain and apply mathematical or quantitative reasoning concepts to solve problems. Courses in this Subarea shall include a prerequisite reflective only of skills and knowledge required in the course. In addition to traditional mathematics, courses in Subarea B4 may include computer science, personal finance, statistics or discipline-based mathematics or quantitative reasoning courses, for example.*” With the understanding that this recommendation will be forward to CEP and Academic Senate for final approval; unanimously approved.
- iii. Committee members discussed referring to CSULB B2 category as quantitative reasoning as an umbrella term rather than Mathematics

B. Language for upper-division and/or capstone courses

- i. Committee reviewed CSULB upper-division capstone course guidelines and discussed how current CSULB upper-division capstone guidelines could be edited to reflect EO 1100

upper-division B/C/D requirements

- ii. John Scenters-Zapico reviewed a draft of updated upper-division B/C/D requirement guidelines for updated GE policy meeting EO 1100 requirements
  - 1. Committee reviewed policy draft
  - 2. Committee discussed what will be done with Writing Intensive (WI) GE requirement
    - a. Committee members discussed integrating WI GE requirement within upper-division B/C/D requirements
  - 3. Committee discussed an alternative to the GPE and GEAR portfolio course as approved by the GEAR committee: WAC Alternative
    - a. Requirements would be integrated within major courses
- iii. Mary McPherson reviewed a draft of updated upper-division B/C/D requirement guidelines for updated GE policy meeting EO 1100 requirements
  - 1. Suggestion was to use the language of existing GE Capstone policy replacing “capstone” with “upper division general education”
  - 2. Committee discussed that for a course to be approved for a future upper-division B/C/D GE designation, the course would need to meet both upper-division GE requirement guidelines as well as one of the Category B/C/D requirements

C. Active GE courses by Category

- i. Mary McPherson briefly reviewed number of current Category E and Category F courses that already meet upper division B/C/D requirements

D. Including Human Diversity and Global Issues [item was not reached]

- i. Mary McPherson

E. Recertification and reclassification [item was not reached]

- V. Current Business: None
- VI. Future Business: None
- VII. Adjournment at 4:02pm without objection
- VIII. Future Agenda/Discussion Items
  - A. Draft of new GE worksheet presentation



