

**Minutes  
GWAR Committee  
USU 311  
1:30 – 3 PM**

**Meeting Number 15  
May 18, 2012**

In attendance: Leslie Andersen, Gary Griswold, Diana Hines, Susan Platt, Linda Sarbo, Rick Tuveson, Mark Wiley, Yu Ding

1. Approval of Agenda: MSP, with item #5 eliminated
2. Minutes of meeting from May 4, 2012: MSP, with amendment of 4iv: change “want” to “what”
3. Announcements:
  - a. The new WPE scoring guide was used for the first time at the May 12, 2012 reading and was well received by readers. Susan will email the new guide to committee members.
  - b. Susan provided the committee with data concerning the September 2010 to July 2011 pilot of seamless GWAR advising; close to 50% of pilot students who scored below the WPE have met the GWAR by portfolio; approximately 14% still must comply and have had GWAR holds placed on their accounts. This includes 70 students who no longer attend the University; a list will be provided to Linda for follow-up.
  - c. The committee discussed the cut score of 8 or lower for the lowest GWAR pathway. A recommendation was made to consider changing the cut score to 7 or lower for the lowest pathway (thus requiring ENGL 301A and a GWAR portfolio course under the current policy). Students who score 8 on the WPE receive two scores of 3 and one score of 2. This would be consistent with setting the cut score of passing at 11 (two scores of 4 and one of 3). Susan provided frequency distributions of scores on the WPE demonstrating that a change from 8 to 7 in the cut score would enable approximately 1% of test takers in each cycle to bypass ENGL 301A and go directly into a GWAR portfolio course. The committee would like this to be an agenda item in one of the initial GWAR Committee meetings of the fall 2012 semester.
  - d. The committee previously voted to no longer accept a GMAT analytical essay score as an alternate assessment for meeting the GWAR, and to raise the GRE analytical score from 4 to 5 as an alternate assessment for meeting the GWAR. It was thought that a start date of June 1, 2012 seemed reasonable. However, given the role assumed by Enrollment Services in establishing a score of 9 or 10 as a prerequisite for enrolling in a GWAR portfolio course, the implementation of these changes needs more discussion. The committee wishes to include this as an agenda item in one of the first meetings of the fall semester.

4. GVAR Coordinator's report:
  - a. One waiver petition was summarized for the Committee's consideration; MSP for approval.
5. Adjournment: 2:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Platt

These minutes were approved on 9/7/12.