

Minutes of the General Education, Overlay, and Code Subcommittee

February 28, 2024

Via Zoom

2:00 pm – 3:50 pm

Present: Jennifer Aure, Bryant Cassidey, Patrick Fleming, JP Horn, Rita Liberti, Steve Peng, Sharon Radcliff, Amy June Rowley, Mitchell Watnik, Nancy White.

Absent: Ryan Moruzzi.

Guests: 2 ASL Interpreters (Jennifer and Becca).

Katz convened the meeting at 2:01 PM. (Approvals below are unanimous amongst members who vote unless noted otherwise.)

- A. Approval of the agenda (**M Fleming/S White/P**).
- B. Approval of the Minutes (**M Fleming/S White/P**).
- C. Reports

- a. Report of the Director of General Education. The GE Minors made it to Senate. Concerns were expressed about advising for the minors. An email alias geminor@csueastbay.edu was created for students to send questions. Katz will also create an advising sheet for these, if approved. There is nothing new about AB 928.

- b. Report of Academic Affairs. Aure reported that the NACADA report should be available in three weeks or so. They preliminarily noted that communication is an issue, as is the “fidelity” of the degree audit report. They advocated for better professional development and more clarity about what advising is (as there may be some issues regarding advisors doing clerical work). Watnik said that a couple of the Philosophy courses (361 and 362) were rejected for UWR and that he is not permitting the applications for the change to 4 units to proceed. There was a discussion about the 3 unit rule in the EO regarding the writing requirement.

- D. Discussion of [Assessment Process](#). Katz provided a brief overview of the process (linked) in response to the placement of this topic on the agenda from the last meeting. GE Assessment is usually scheduled to align with ILO assessment where appropriate. There was a question about courses that can only be assessed for one learning outcome (due to the course not using Canvas for assignments that involve all of the outcomes). Katz said that such courses should usually not be included. Rowley noted that the online discussions might be good fodder for assessment. Katz said that Canvas (unlike Blackboard) can only have downloadable assignments available for assessment. He indicated that that will especially be problematic for B3 and that lab notebooks may need to be scanned or photocopied. Fleming said that this would be problematic for quizzes in Canvas. White said that if the quizzes were formatted as “worksheets” that they could be downloaded. Fleming commented that, with the Canvas change, we are almost assessing what we are capable of doing, rather than assessing the learning outcomes. Rowley noted that mandating compliance might be untenable now due to the restrictions on what is necessary. Liberti pointed out that courses are saved online and should be accessible after the fact. White responded that that doesn’t change that the assignments cannot

be downloaded and instructors might get upset about others going into their courses. Kaatz speculated that (with instructor permission), the assessors could be given TA access and then view the course. He and White will look into that avenue.

E. Information items Kaatz noted that members were informed about these previously. The WOST 303 was approved by email. The Framework is a consolidation of items that we've passed previously.

- a. WOST 303 Violence Against Women
- b. [Revised GE Framework Document](#)

F. From the Floor Kaatz noted that there is unlikely to be an agenda for any upcoming meetings and that they will probably be cancelled. He will inform members a week before about whether there are any items or (if not) it will be cancelled.

- a. Next meeting is March 13, 2024

G. Adjournment Due to finishing the agenda, Kaatz declared the meeting adjourned at 2:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mitchell Watnik