

CAB Meeting Minutes – September 26, 2016, 9:00 – 10:45 am, SSC 122/124

Present: Chris Nichols (Chair), Jacque Chase, Don Miller, Laird Easton, Kent Sandoe, Rachel Middleman, Tamara Fleet, LaDona Knigge, Paula Selvester, Kaitlyn Baumgartner, Chiara Ferrari, Jason Clower, Jed Wyrick, Diana Flannery, Holly Ferguson, Charlene Armitage, Nicol Gray. Special guest: Chris Fosen (University Writing Committee)

1. Announcements

- Reminder of noon rally for black faculty and staff

2. Approval of Minutes from 9/12/16—approved

3. Proposed EM to supersede EM 99-003 (GWAR). Chris Fosen here to discuss proposal:

- Writing would be taken out of GE and moved to University Writing Committee (UWC). There would still be four writing courses required—two LD, two UD—with the UD courses in student’s college and major to focus on writing in the discipline (fourth course is WP). Writing is funneled into colleges for both student and college equity.
- The third course (UD in college) could be flexible, not all colleges are prepared to teach writing and some disciplines could benefit from a writing course in a different college. If this proposal is approved, it will result in a more robust UWC that can work with faculty to help teach writing.
- Discussion about whether the “fiscal” argument should be abandoned as a reason to change writing requirements. Is it under the purview of CAB to consider the financial implications?
- There would be no more non-WI/Z versions of courses. All writing courses would be designated with a “W” suffix. There is some concern that this would harm small departments and they may decide to pull their W courses.
- WP will be redesignated as the GWAR course.

4. Proposed edits to EM 10-001

- Eliminate references to WI/Z courses and substitutions.
- Discussion of experimental courses being upper division. Need to make sure that if students take one of these then their other two UD GE courses would need to be in the same Pathway as each other. Need to define “experimental courses”. Reminder that Special Topics can only be offered one semester. Some are worried this would muddy the Pathway structure.
- Edits are approved by a 10-2 vote after a few small changes. Chris will finalize document and bring to EPPC when UWC is ready with their new EM to supersede EM 99-003.

5. GE Substitution applications

- Request for 3-4 reviewers for each application. Chris will send documents to reviewers and to CAB as a whole to review and discuss at next meeting.

6. GE course transfer and other issues

- Paula reviewed several recent documents related to GE and units for degrees

from CO. All communications focus on efforts for timely graduation and our campus should be proactive in examining curriculum (including GE), transfer policies, and degree requirements to remove any impediments to graduate.

7. Adjourn