
Chancellor's General Education Advisory Committee

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

11:00 am – 4:00 pm

Zoom Meeting

Minutes

Members Present: Eniko Csomay, Nancy Gerber, Mark Groen, Gregory Wood, Gary Laver, Simon Rodan, Rick Ford, Elaine Newman, LaTonya Parker, Jose Lozano, Michelle Plug, Caron Inouye

Absent: Kate McCarthy, Dixie Samaniego, Aisha Lowe

Standing Guests Present: Beth Steffel, Mark Van Selst, Dana Nakano, Quajuana Chapman, Marci Sanchez, Raul Arambula, Bob Quinn

Informally Invited Guest (partial presence): Laura Massa

1. Call to order (11:02 AM)
2. Chair's welcome and introductory comments
 - a. Agenda updates
3. Overview and approval of Agenda
 - a. Agenda updates noted in red
 - b. Revised agenda approved (with no objections)
4. Approval of March Minutes
 - a. Minor typos fixed
 - b. Revised minutes approved (with no objections)
5. Announcements
 - a. Member Simon Rodan expressed gratitude for being able to serve on the AB 89 (minimum qualifications for peace officers) committee; this work felt impactful for the CSU's role in changing the culture of policing in the State of California.
 - b. Chair Csomay informed the committee that the GE chairs/directors across the CSU formed a group to become the GE Council but wondered what the process is to get the council officially recognized. ASCSU Chair Steffel confirmed that there is no official process in the bylaws; however, the council, like other disciplinary area councils, would be expected to have a liaison to ASCSU and GEAC beginning next academic year.
6. Segment reports of items relevant to GE
 - a. CCC System Office [report](#) (Arambula)
 - b. CCC Academic Senate [report](#) (Parker)
 - c. CCC AO report (Plug)
 - i. CIAC – California Intersegmental Articulation Council – had their annual

conference on April 27-28

- ii. Continued Topics of Concern
 - AB 928: GE Standards and Policy Implementation
 - AB 1111
 - CCC - Title 5 Changes for local degree
 - AB1705

Comment/clarification from Van Selst: Cal-GETC approval is either on or off for every single student (no partial certifications will be granted)

- d. CSU AO report (Lozano)
 - none to report

Comment from Sanchez: CSU articulation officers will have the opportunity this summer to get CO-sponsored training in TES and become TES-certified.

- e. CSU Office of the Chancellor (Inouye)
 - i. Leadership Changes
 - Dr. Sylvia Alva will leave her position as executive vice chancellor of Academic and Student Affairs to become the Interim President at Fullerton on August 1, 2023.
 - On Aug. 1, Dr. Nathan Evans (currently associate vice chancellor and chief of staff for Academic and Student Affairs) and Dr. Dilcie Perez (currently associate vice chancellor for Student Affairs, Equity and Belonging) will serve in joint leadership positions as deputy vice chancellors for the Division of Academic and Student Affairs. These are permanent positions.
 - As of May 15, Dr. Jennifer Baszile has become the inaugural associate vice chancellor for Student Success and Inclusive Excellence. She will serve as the primary liaison to the ASCSU, so for the coming academic year, Brent Foster will move back into his role as Ex-Officio to GEAC, and Caron Inouye will resume her role as a standing guest member.
 - On May 1, Dr. John Hamilton started his position as assistant vice chancellor for Strategic Partnerships and Student Success Initiatives, the role that was formerly held by Dr. Jeff Gold. Dr. Hamilton serves under Dr. Baszile.
 - Confirmed that a new EVC will be hired and the two deputy vice chancellors in Academic and Student Affairs are permanent positions.

- f. CSU Students (CSSA) (Samaniego)

The Cal State Student Association had our May plenary at CSU Bakersfield

where students met to discuss various issues. At the banquet, CSSA recognized a variety of leaders with awards for their commitment to shared governance and being student-centered leaders. In April, CSSA also held our Executive Officer elections where the 2023-24 Executive Officer team was elected.

- i. Dominic Tressler, a third-year at San Jose State, is the President-elect
- ii. Genesis Galilea Pompa, a third-year from Cal Poly Pomona, is the Vice President of Systemwide Affairs-elect
- iii. Samantha Alvarez Chavarria, a second-year from Cal State Dominguez Hills, is the Vice President of Legislative Affairs
- iv. Jose Jimenez Cruz, a third-year from Cal Poly Pomona, is the Vice President of Finance-elect
- v. Varenya Gupta, a third-year from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, is the Chair-elect

CSSA is also trying to identify students for all the various GE committees to continue providing the student voice and perspective on these conversations.

g. CSU Academic Senate (ASCSU) (Steffel)

- i. https://icas-ca.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/IGETC_STANDARDS-2.3_02June2022-Final.pdf

7. JEDI liaison report (Nakano)

- a. No items to report pertinent to GE

8. LUNCH

9. Cal-GETC and CSU GE (12:55 PM)

- a. Reflections on CO's webinar ([available at this link](#))

- i. Nothing new expressed; it felt more like a discussion between CSU faculty and CSU CO;
- ii. Focus on the complications associated with the lack of a singular LDGE pattern with no counter arguments presented;
- iii. A one-sided presentation but appreciated getting the info due to complexity of issue;
- iv. Caution to avoid imposition of change to LDGE from CO, as it will be a replay of EO 1100 issues, and the hope is that faculty will be engaged in robust discussion this fall (2023) about what they want to do with LDGE; decision should be led by CSU faculty;
- v. Not clear when the attempt to work with faculty will occur—consult timeline; discussions revealed that CO wants to launch the conversation mid-August right when faculty are back on campus contractually.
- vi. Webinar organized with a skewed perspective, which was disappointing (student perspective was largely irrelevant to the issue at hand, student's scenario of the transfer barrier created by the lack of passing a

- B4 course would actually be exacerbated by Cal-GETC);
 - vii. Point raised that the 5 units gained in the lower division would/could not impact LD major requirements for any ADT (would require revision to TMCs);
 - viii. Concerns expressed re: the disposition of the legislature on their push for a singular GE pathway;
 - ix. How does the timeline jive with the need to get Cal-GETC approved by the BOT, then revisions to Title 5? (Discussed further later in the meeting. A potential resolution will come out of Academic Affairs pertinent to this problem/question)
- b. Cal-GETC Special Committee work this semester and beyond
 - i. Chair Csomay summary/report highlighting three areas where further discussions need to happen in the near future:
 - Grading standards – 2.0 in each course or 2.0 overall for all transferable courses (currently it is 2.0 in each course)
 - Area 1B Critical Thinking and Composition now requires a 5,000 writing component (CSU GE does not require writing; UC just went down from 8,000 words to 5,000 and is unwilling to change; disciplinary recommendation was 3,000 words)
 - 1C Oral Communication – UC currently has a prerequisite for 1C but it will be taken out by June 2023.
 - ii. Concerns expressed re: math pre-requisite and oral comm pre-req mandated by UC—clarification that these (along with partial certification) will be gone from UC standards by June
 - iii. Cal-GETC area standards are not a “done deal”; ICAS will need to approve the document; ICAS owns Cal-GETC and reviews Cal-GETC Standards every year as it has been doing with IGETC.
 - iv. Not clear on when the grading issues will be resolved.
 - v. Cal-GETC doesn’t allow a STEM delay as IGETC does.
 - vi. Cal GETC explicitly permits international coursework for certification.
 - vii. Retroactive GE credit based on the course’s certification at the campus where and time when the student completes the course certification counts
 - viii. A CSU cannot authorize Cal-GETC certification to a course if the course does not meet Cal-GETC standards, since the Cal-GETC certification is transferable.
- c. Potential collaboration with AA on two resolutions
 - i. A resolution stating that Cal-GETC is different from CSU GE (AA already has a second reading in for this item)
 - ii. A resolution stating that UDGE and AI have been reviewed by our

committee and we have come to the conclusion not to change anything around it. Reciprocity via EO 1100 functionally removed the campus “stamp” achievable through UDGE.

10. Final recommendation to CO on their charge

- i. recommend removal of reciprocity
 - ii. recommend no desire to change as is
- b. American Institution
- i. No desire to change, keep as is
- c. No objections posed to the resolution’s resolved clauses 2 and 3 specifying GEAC’s positions on UDGE and AI, respectively, to be communicated to the ASCSU. Expectation is that these will also appear in GEAC’s report to the CO. Rationale to be revised by Chair Csomay.
- d. Concern/caution expressed re: distinction between misunderstanding and malice in context of the administration’s mis/communication re: the outcome of GEAC’s decision not to recommend any changes to UDGE and AI; the question is pertinent to the difference between refusing to consider an item vs. considering and deciding not to change anything to the proposed item. The latter happened vs. the former (see prior minutes).

11. Course review process

- a. Call out to faculty to participate in course review process, particularly for ethnic studies, which helps with transparency of process
- b. Process is continually improving
- c. Questions re: review process: There should be ongoing discussion of how and which faculty are involved in course review.

12. Guiding notes

- a. Quajuana’s updates have been available in Dropbox; any further changes should be submitted before the end of May to her as the revised version is out in August
- b. Recommend that at first GEAC meeting in fall, Guiding Notes changes are picked up; changes for 2023-24 will occur fall 2023.
- c. Disciplinary area feedback needed, since hasn’t been done in many years.

13. Adjournment (3:23)