

**Committee on Educational Policy  
Resolution on the Writing-Intensive (W) Requirement**

The resolution on Writing Intensive Requirement passed by a show of hands at the March 9, 2007 Winter Senate Meeting.

**WHEREAS**

- The ability to write effectively is fundamental to a university education;
- Writing is a complex skill that must be nurtured beyond the first year of college;
- Writing in a discipline promotes a deeper understanding of the substance of that discipline;
- Effective evaluation of and feedback about writing puts a special demand on evaluator-to-student ratios and therefore on resources;
- The current capacity shortfall in W offerings at UCSC places an unacceptable burden on students, advisors, and faculty;
- This problem of capacity cannot be addressed without an increase in resources devoted to W, unless the quantity or meaning of W is to be compromised;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate calls on the Central and Divisional administration to work with departments and with Senate committees to find a solution to the W crisis and to allocate the resources needed for it.

Respectfully submitted,

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