

Committee on Preparatory Education
Minutes

Monday, October 20, 2008
1-2:30 p.m., Kerr Hall Room 129

Present: Nandini Bhattacharya (NSTF Rep), Roxanne Monnet (Staff), Sarah-Hope Parmeter (ELWR Coordinator), Judith Scott (Chair), Tony Tromba.

Absent: Nate Mackey

Introductions, announcements, and updates.

Members introduced themselves.

At the next meeting, Entry-Level Writing Requirement (ELWR) Coordinator Sarah-Hope Parmeter will update CPE on the status of student satisfaction of the ELWR.

Members discussed confidentiality and recusal protocol.

Review committee charge and topics for this year.

Chair Scott briefly reviewed the charge with the members, including the topics of math preparation, oversight of the math placement exam, and ELWR satisfaction.

The ELWR was described for the members. The requirement is a University requirement, existing at all UC campuses that offer undergraduate degrees. Some years ago the name was change from the Subject A requirement. The ELWR intends to ensure that student have a minimal level of writing competency early in their university career. All UCs provide support classes toward meeting the requirement. Student must satisfy the requirement by the end of their fourth quarter.

The Committee was apprised of the efforts by CPE in the last two years to considered math preparation for students. At the next meeting CPE will consider data collected on topics in mathematics through a survey by the Committee on Educational Policy (CEP) through the spring 2008 student election process.

The Committee indicated an interest in comparing Math 3 and AMS 3 which are currently listed as equivalent courses, and possibly course that offer calculus across campus. At the next meeting CPE will review syllabi for these two courses to better understand their comparability.

Math Placement Exam.

CPE briefly considered the Math Department's request to change the math placement exam policy. CEP will give feedback to CPE on the request for discussion at CPE's November 17 meeting.

Member items.

Other than the math topic discussed above, no new member items were raised.

So attests,

Judith Scott, Chair
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