

**Committee on Preparatory Education Meeting
Minutes
February 12, 2014**

Present: Bruce Cooperstein (Chair), Stephen Sweat (NSTF Rep), Susanna Wrangell (staff).

Absent: Gabriel Elkaim, Sarah-Hope Parmeter (ELWR Coordinator), SUA and GSA reps. TBA.

I. Announcements:

Welcome new Member, Abe Stone

Chair Cooperstein welcomed new member Abe Stone and after introductions members approved the minutes from the November 6, 2013 meeting. Earlier in the quarter the system-wide version of CPE, University Committee On Preparatory Education (UCOPE) met to discuss the idea of creating a diagnostic mathematics placement exam for students in the UC System. One campus was out of compliance and violated the copyright for the Math Diagnostic Placement Test (MDPT), which created an opportunity to speak with the creators of the MDPT, who are now thinking of creating a version for this campus and others in the system who might be interested. This summer, during the regularly scheduled meeting, the design group will discuss the current exam re-design for an online version.

II. Mathematics Department Response to CPE on MPE Questions

Members are in agreement to send a request for response to CPE's review of the questions about the Online Mathematics Placement Exam. In the past the campus used the MDPT to place students into pre-calculus, or calculus, or other mathematics courses, but administering the tests was costly due to proctoring. Online tests can also be proctored by outside sources but without this option, there can be a loss of some security. A follow up response will be sent to the Mathematics Department.

III. What Preparation is necessary for International Student Success?

Members held a general discussion on preparing international students for success. This year the AWPE scores were very low due to the prompt, which students found confusing. The level of student participation also dropped and their essay passing passing rate overall was down, The campus norm is 50%, this year only 39% passed. Only 13% of the international student population passed. Perhaps the TOFEL requirement score should be reviewed, this is a four year program, there needs to be some type of mechanism on campus for students to get resources for all their course needs, especially with reading and writing. CPE members want to know what kind of data collection will be available for the Senate to review for student success?

International students have global or different English skills like the UK. Different types of English and cultural immersions.

IV. Members Items

CPE members agreed to invite the Undergraduate Champion, Professor Jaye Padgett to the next scheduled CPE meeting for a consultation on undergraduate student success based on the recommendations from the Undergraduate Student Success Task Force.