



MEETING MINUTES MAY 10, 2019

SIER 209, 9-11 a.m.

Meeting called to order: 9:05 a.m.

In Attendance: Eric Bullis, Sam Byington, Tara Connolly, Melissa Deadmond, Jinger Doe, Tanya Farnung-Morrison (Acting Chair), John Fitzsimmons, Meeghan Gray, Brian Ruf, Cheryl Scott.

Absent: Sharif Rumjahn, Andrew Sumpton.

Recused: Cheryl Cardoza, Mark Maynard (Chair), Karen Wikander.

Approval of 5/3/2019 minutes

Motion to approve: Meeghan; Second: Rick.

Rick expressed concern about how his comments about part-timers and their tech skills were written in the May 3 Minutes. Statement will be modified to clarify that part-timers have various levels of computer skills.

Approved with Jinger and Sam abstaining.

English PUR

Rubric Votes:

8D	8D, 1HD	8D, 1HD	8D, 1HD	6D, 3HD
4 D, 3HD	8D, 1HD	9D, 1HD	4d, 3HD 1 abstain	

Overall, the committee thought English had a strong PUR. However, the committee was concerned about the number of 200-level classes vs. stated "core service" of "composition instruction." The committee agreed with the Dean's comments on this issue. In a connected thread, Rick expressed concern, about the appropriateness of the proposed creative writing degree.

Melissa pointed out the PUR template was designed to assess programs.

Rick noted that the PUR seemed to indicate that the department wants to have instructors teach only 3 100-level classes at most and teach more of the 200-level classes.

Meeghan thought that the various 200-level classes might be offered as rotating special topics classes instead of specifically named courses.

Committee had an extended discussion about co-requisite/remediation issue and various California system changes. Much discussion centered around the consequences of non-placement testing and co-req registration and the effects of these things on student success [this was a sidebar to the PUR review].

There was unanimous concern about the naming of individual faculty members in the report (both past and current). This was thought to be inappropriate.

Committee had a lengthy and energetic discussion of Areas of Concern and Recommendations.

Melissa reminded the committee about the Closing the Loop meeting on May 22 and repeated her suggestion that that ASA Committee meet with the guest speaker prior to the event at 9 to discuss the work of the committee and to share ideas.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:39 a.m.