

**General Education Committee
Minutes**

February 24, 2014

Present:	Mark Jacobson Melinda Tilton Mike Havens Tom Regele Patricia Nichols TyRee Jenks	Bernie Quetchenbach Kurt Toenjes Jennifer Lynn Leanne Gilbertsen Rosemarie Dugi Becky Lyons (ex-officio)
Absent:	Rhonda Dillman* Scott Harris	Jodi Lightner Elizabeth Fullon*

*excused

Kurt Toenjes called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in McMullen 305.

The minutes of January 27 were accepted as presented.

I. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. ETS Testing Update: Schedule of testing dates for Spring 2014

The Committee needs to send out a schedule to all faculty after Spring Break. Please email in your testing times. We have plenty of exams and plenty of gift cards, so we are ready.

B. Writing Requirement Policy

It was never the intention of the GEC to allow the COMPASS test to stand as the only writing a student does at MSUB. However, since students are currently allowed to test out of WRIT 101 and receive a “P” grade, they do not have to take another writing course in Gen Ed. Our students need to have a writing course.

It was noted that stating students must have a writing course with a letter grade excludes students who may have taken the course as an AP course or CLEPed for credit. The Committee agreed that we do not want to mess with dual credit. Ultimately, AP and CLEP are not the GEC’s concern.

- Motion by Patty Nichols, seconded by Melinda Tilton that the **GEC recommends that the COMPASS test cannot be used for credit in WRIT 101. The COMPASS test can only be used for placement purposes.**
- Motion carried unanimously.

C. WR Designation on Courses

When the WR designation was instituted, there was no purview. If the department said the course was writing intensive, it was marked with a WR. There is no one currently tracking whether students are taking the required three WR courses before graduating.

If the WR designation is to be revived, the GEC most definitely does not want to be the group vetting the proposals.

- Motion by Melinda Tilton, seconded by Leanne Gilbertsen that the **GEC recommends that the WR designation be expunged from the catalog.**

- Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Rita J. Rabe Meduna.