# MINUTES OF THE WRITING COMPETENCY SUBCOMMITTEE

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# November 19, 2021, 2-3pm

# Zoom:<https://fresnostate.zoom.us/j/83674375685>

# Attending: G. Crisco, María Dolores Morillo, Jenny Krichevsky, Lalita Oka, Amanda Dinscore, Jamie Levitt, Juliet Wahleithner (Chair), Nigel Vigan (Student Rep), Bernadette Muscat (Ex-Officio)

# Missing: Jacquelin Curry, Aric Mine

# Agenda:

# Welcome

# Approval of [Minutes from October 1 meeting](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1x7iyRV-3iY6WlHci-MKUFqoC7ddigtyf/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=111980110652304052473&rtpof=true&sd=true)

# Undergraduate Studies updates from Bernadette Muscat, Interim Dean of Undergraduate Studies

* + Area F: Ethnic Studies--3 units added to GE
    - creates an issue for high-unit majors
      * Academic Senate agreed to grant temporary waiver of other requirements
        + goal is to eliminate waivers
      * Preference to create W course in the major to allow for meeting a grad requirement with a major course
      * Some high-unit majors already have a W course
      * By law, Area F cannot be overlaid with another GE; can be overlaid with I or W or PoliSci 2
      * Is it possible to have a course count as a major AND a GE AND a W?
    - Questions/comments from committee:
      * Language differences do exist among disciplines
      * Why are writing courses always double-counted?
      * What is the timeline?
        + typically two-year cycle to develop new course to eliminate waiver
      * Focus should be on Major W course; adding GE on top of that will only diminish the opportunity to develop knowledge of disciplinary literacy practices
  + Upper-Division Writing Exam is gone
    - CO has not officially eliminated, but it is no longer offered
    - Students must complete W requirement through coursework instead
    - High-unit majors have exam as 0-unit requirement within major
    - Could another 0-unit option be created until major W courses can be created?
      * Iterative portfolio--sample submitted annually
    - Questions to consider
      * How many/which majors have this requirement?
      * Budget implications

# WAC Updates from Jenny Krichevsky

# Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Updates--Ginny Crisco

* + Updated [Writing Committee Charge](https://docs.google.com/document/d/19TW8yyVD83O3yqDFcoetJQy9Ob6DrIkR/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=111980110652304052473&rtpof=true&sd=true) approved
  + Updated [APM 216: Standards for Writing Course Requirements](https://docs.google.com/document/d/19BNlU6lBqCNGPuXDdg1O5yhweCVCrhfm/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=111980110652304052473&rtpof=true&sd=true) approved
  + Both were taken to Executive Committee
* Announcements:
  + Amanda: Virtual Write-In being held by library Dec. 2, 4-6 pm

# Next Meeting: TBA; watch for doodle early next semester