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Members Present: S. Adisasmto-Smith (CAH), V. Biondo (CAH), P. Crosbie (Chair, CSM), J.P. Choi (CSM), K. Dunbar (DOSA, ex officio), X. Fu (Provost), A. Weerasinghe (LCOE), C. Perez (COSS), S. Schlievert (KSOEHD).

Members absent, un-appointed or un-elected:

S. Montana (HHS) - excused, L. Williams (JCAST), rep from CSB, rep(s) from AS.

Guests: M. Jordine, University Assessment Coordinator; D. Donner, Office of the Dean of Undergraduate Studies.

Chair Crosbie called the meeting to order at 12:15 in Haak Academic Affairs Conference Room, Madden Library 4164

1. Agenda. MSC to approve agenda as submitted.
2. Approval of the Minutes of 24 APRIL 2015. MSC to approve minutes as submitted.
3. Communications and Announcements
 - a. Welcome and introductions to new members: Xuanning Fu, Dean of Undergraduate Studies; Vincent Biondo, CAH; Ajith Weerasinghe, LCOE; Debbie Donner, Assistant to the Dean of Undergraduate Studies.
4. Assessment reports: this year: guest Melissa Jordine, University Assessment Coordinator. Melissa made suggestions as to how she and her staff may help with review of assessment reports.
5. Area A2 (English 5B or 10) as a prerequisite for Area D. X. Fu explained that in many cases the prereq was not being enforced. Area A2 classes are unable to offer enough seats for the numbers of students admitted; there is a current shortfall of >1,000 seats.

Colleges offering Area D courses (the majority are in COSS) have been asked whether they are willing to formally relax the prerequisite, but only for college ready students, not those required to take remedial classes. Data was presented to show that college ready students do well in Area D without taking Area A2 in advance. GE committee agreed to consider a vote on waiving the A2 prereq, after all colleges have responded with their opinions.

6. Program Review: will be conducted this year.
7. Old business – PAX 100/110. PAX 110 is the GE course, not 100
8. New Business - none

Adjournment: 1:35. Next meeting 18 September 2015.