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Members Present: Doreen De Leon (chair), Falon Karch, Aaron Stilmaker, Pei-Ying Wu, and Bernadette Muscat (ex-officio)

Members Absent: Jacquelin Curry

Members Excused: Kat Fobear

Meeting was called to order at 12:03 p.m.

1. Consent Calendar: Agenda for today’s meeting
2. Communications & Announcements
3. Old Business
   1. Plus/Minus grading proposal – Aaron Stillmaker  
        
      Aaron did research on the possibility of switching to plus/minus grading from strict letter grade. Not too much difference in terms of student performance when switching to plus/minus letter grades. Does it give a more accurate representation of student performance? Also, all UC’s and most CSU’s use plus/minus grading. Most CC’s don’t use plus/minus grading.  
      Motion to pursue creating plus/minus policy (passed: 2 yea, 2 abstain). Aaron will write a first draft for discussion next meeting.
4. New Business
   1. Proposal to add grading results to WPAF – Aaron Stillmaker  
        
      Concerns: extra work, possible negative impact on grading  
      Pros: put the student evaluations in context

Tabled for next meeting. Aaron will gather input from faculty at institutions that do this.

* 1. Annual grade distribution report

Interest in doing annual grade distribution report. Members liked the idea, but were concerned about the workload. Members will review the report from last year, matter was tabled. Doreen will send a survey to get feedback from members on whether to proceed.

1. Next meeting: TBD