**Committee for Undergraduate Education**

Framing Information for Discussion Regarding Writing Proficiency (WP) Recommendations

**What is the overarching dilemma?**
Recently, it was brought to CUE’s attention that students can pass a class with a WP1 even if they did not complete or satisfy the [requirements related to the WP](#) components of the class. This dilemma specifically applies to courses with 3, 4, or 5 credits.

Additionally, there are university “guidelines,” but there does not seem to be a policy governing the way in which departments should consistently be approaching WPs. Some departments have a cohesive plan for how to approach the WPs, for example Computer Science, while some have a very scattered approach and would appreciate more guidance and resources.

**How many courses might this dilemma be applicable to?**
Here is a general idea of how many courses were assigned a WP attribute during the 2023-2024 academic year (e.g. Fall 2023, Winter 2024, Spring 2024).

- 214 CRNs were assigned a WP1 attribute
  - Courses with 1 credit: 6 CRNs (out of 415 1 credit CRNs)
  - Courses with 2 credits: 2 CRNs
  - Courses with 3 credits: 14 CRNs
  - Courses with 4 credits: 126 CRNs
  - Courses with 5 credits: 66 CRNs

**How would we like to recommend CUE approach this dilemma next academic year? And who should be included and how (e.g. specific CUE members, ACC, College Curriculum Committees)?**

- **Goals:** The purpose of the WP needs to be identified and formally documented.
  - FYI: It is interesting how the purpose of the WP is referenced in [1998-1999 catalog](#) in comparison to the [current catalog](#); there is more specificity and the requirements are different.

- **Approach:** Does CUE have initial thoughts regarding how the WP might be approached and assessed? For example, should the WP requirement be separated from the final grade? Should the percent of writing that contributes to the final grade be reassessed?

- **Guidelines:** Should the guidelines be requirements applicable to all WP courses? If yes, are there guidelines that should not be included as required and are there any guidelines that need to be added?