COMMITTEE ON PREPRATORY EDUCATION
SEPTEMBER 25, 2026
MINUTES

PRESENT: A. Jaworska, Chair & UCOPE Rep.; W. Chen; T. Petete; P. Sadler; M. Salloum; P. Beehler, Ex Officio; S. Dingwall, Ex Officio; Kelly Huffman-Neal, Ex Officio

ABSENT: C. Lamar Prieto, Ex Officio; H. Liu, Ex Officio;

Chair Jaworska called the meeting to order at 11:02AM.

Following the introductions of the Committee members, the charge of the Committee was reviewed. The Committee will be proposing a bylaw change to add the Math program coordinator for Math 3 to its membership as an ex-officio.

The committee discussed meeting modality for future meetings and agreed to meet hybrid, in person and via zoom.

The Committee approved the Conflict-of-Interest Statement for the 2026-2027 academic year.

The committee discussed the University Writing Program. It was noted that the current Entry Level Writing Requirement (ELWR) Director, Paul Beehler, has been replaced by two co-director's, Jeremy Kelley and Jaclyn Vasquez. After the meeting, CPE consulted with the Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction, and they recommended designating one co-director as the primary attendee of CPE meetings. In response, UWP Director, Wallace Cleaves, designated Jeremy Kelley to attend CPE meetings and an appointment letter will be sent.

Chair Jaworska discussed the background and history of ELWR and noted that each campus is now in charge of its writing placement process. CPE's bylaws allow the committee to monitor academic aspects of preparatory and remedial education, including the requirements in Entry Level Writing and Mathematics and conduct periodic reviews and evaluations of preparatory and remedial education including evaluations of the appropriateness of qualifier courses. Pursuant to this authority, the committee plans to evaluate WRIT 007. A pilot was conducted last year using a new textbook. CPE will be evaluating the syllabi used in the pilot and will be comparing it to the original syllabus. CPE will also be requesting a report on WRIT 7 including data of students who pass the class without passing the WRIT 7 exam (worth 30% of the grade). CPE would like to see the data on how these students perform in future writing courses.

The Chair informed the Committee that she is UCR's representative to the University Committee on Preparatory Education (UCOPE) that meets several times a year. The Chair provided the Committee with a brief update from the June 18, 2026, UCOPE meeting. The Chair noted that UCOPE discussed using the Smarter Balance Assessment (SBAC) administered in 11th grade to satisfy ELWR and discussed the Math Coordinating Council.

With no additional business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 12:25 PM.
Approved: October 27, 2026
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