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Members present: S. Adisasmito-Smith (CAH), N. Bengiamin (LCE), P. Crosbie (Chair, CSM), K. Dunbar (DOSA, ex officio), M. Jendian (CSS), S. Montana (CHHS), D. Nef (Provost), C. Perez (CSS), U. Ramlan (AS), L.Taylor-Hamm (CSB).

Members absent, (un-appointed or un-elected):

P-C Ho (CSM) – excused, (rep from JCAST, second rep from AS)

Guest: S. Schlievert (KSOEHD),

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

1. Agenda. MSC to approve agenda as submitted.
2. Approval of the Minutes of 7 February 2014. MSC to approve minutes as submitted.
3. Communications and Announcements

Report from Academic Senate regarding a decision to make the Division of Student Affairs (DOSA, ex officio) be a voting member of the committee.

* + M. Jendian attended the Meeting: Senate has decided to investigate the composition and voting right of all committee members on all senate standing committees as a result of this suggestion.
	+ Kevin Ayotte, executive committee, and APP chair Michael Botwin, appointed to investigate.
	+ The decision for DOSA rep to be a voting member discussed – no vote occurred?

Impending **new** course proposals

* + Two GE proposals in Critical Thinking (Area A3) from the College of Science and Math have been approved at the College level. GE committee and Undergraduate curriculum sub-committee will evaluate in parallel, D. Nef to post proposals on GE Blackboard organization.
	+ New course proposal PAX – linguistic and arts and humanities.

AAC&U General Education and Assessment: Disruptions, Innovations, and Opportunities, conference, Portland OR, February 27 - March 1Conference in Portland. D. Nef attended and reported to the committee. Some topics discussed at the conference were: Structure and intent of GE, the need for students to be thinkers and problem solvers, assessment, program cohesion, Junior college and CSU integrated packages (e.g. CSU Sacramento and Cosumnes River College.

1. Program review
* Reports from OIE not yet available
* Write the beginning structure (Chair Crosbie)
* Possible on-campus reviewers were discussed.
* D. Nef to follow up on suggested off campus reviewers – see 21 Feb 2014 minutes.
1. New Business
2. Adjournment: 12:52 PM, next meeting 21st March 2014.