

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, BAKERSFIELD  
ACADEMIC SENATE

**GWAR Testing – AY 2020/21**

RES 202104

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**RESOLVED:** that the Academic Senate recommend the University-Wide GVAR Committee offer scheduled GVAR testing via online delivery for Fall 2020, and beyond if needed, as long as CSU Bakersfield remains in an alternative delivery mode.

**RATIONALE:** As per the memo authored by Executive Vice Chancellor Loren J. Blanchard dated March 12, 2020, and pursuant to EO 665 Revised, all campuses were asked to suspend in-person testing and to suspend the GVAR requirement for the AY 2020-21. However, EO 665 states *“[c]ertification of graduation writing proficiency is an all-campus responsibility. Certification may rely on evidence of writing ability as demonstrated in written coursework, essay examinations, or other measures of student writing competence. Measures may be developed which best fit individual campus needs. However, certification by examination shall include a common essay written and evaluated under controlled conditions and scored by at least two faculty readers.”*

In addition to the already scheduled GVAR classes offered through alternative delivery, the GVAR Committee would like to offer online testing for those students wanting to test out of the requirement, as they would have been able to pre-COVID. The committee would use the academic year 2020-21 to consider other approaches to GVAR in-person testing and bring forth recommendations for the AY 21-22 as asked by the March 12 memo.

Approved by the Summer Senate June 24, 2020  
Approved by the Academic Senate August 27, 2020  
Sent to the President September 4, 2020  
Approved by the President September 9, 2020