Writing Instruction in the Disciplines (WID) Council

February 6, 2020

3:00 pm, DuSable Room, University Union

Present: Brian Locke (chair), Magdelyn Helwig (ex-officio), Glenn Daugherty, Doug LaFountain, Jena Gardner, Anna Valeva

Absent: Amy Mossman (ex-officio), Joel Gruver

1. Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm.

2. Approval of agenda: The agenda was approved.

3. Approval of minutes: Both the minutes of 10-24-19 and 11-21-19 were approved.

4. Update on workshop scheduling: The Council discussed pros and cons of different possible formats for this semester’s WID workshop. The possibility of both a semi-formal round-table format on challenges/successes in WID courses, or a more informal community-building format, were discussed, possibly in conjunction with Undergraduate Research Day. Locke, Helwig and McClure will look into what possibilities might exist for refreshments for this event. A goal was established to determine precise details for this event by the next WID Council meeting on February 27.

5. Old Business: Locke and Annette Hamm have compiled lists of current WID instructors; these may be useful for identifying faculty interested in the WID workshop/event.

6. New Business: Three WID courses are slightly overenrolled this spring semester, and Locke has informed the department chairs for each course. The courses are:

LEJA 440 (Lough) – 29 students

LEJA 442 (McBride) – 28 students

RDG 384 (Franzoni) – 31 students

The meeting was adjourned at 4:12 pm.

Respectfully,

Doug LaFountain