Writing Instruction in the Disciplines (WID) Committee
April 6, 2015
12:00 pm, Horrabin Hall 60

Present: Nathan Miczo (chair), Samit Chakravorti, Courtney Blankenship, Julia Albarracin, Debra Allwardt, Magdelyn Helwig. Absent: Tawnya Adkins Covert, Neil Baird, Mei Wen.

1. The meeting was called to order at 12:03 pm.
2. Approval of Minutes from 3-9-2015. Approved as submitted.
3. Announcements: At Faculty Senate on 3/31/15 COMM247 was approved and Miczo reported 3 classes were overenrolled. Other discussion surrounded advertising WID workshops for the fall. The review request for WID courses was sent to chairs on 3/30/15. So far we have received CHEM401.

4. Review of WID Courses: CHEM401

 Discussion on course objectives being revised to more explicitly relate to writing. Helwig proposed a day on the syllabus could be devoted to lab report writing instruction. On the WID Proposal Guidelines more elaboration needed regarding when students will be receiving “extensive experience in writing” under “Curriculum 2.” Under “Objectives 1,” a revision of wording suggested: “Write lab reports that have the form/model of a scientific paper that could be published.” More detail needed under “Additional Considerations 1;” are notebooks the same as lab reports? The committee could not satisfactorily reaffirm that the course fulfills the requirements for WID. The committee needs further clarifications from the department. Blankenship will make edits electronically and submit to Miczo and committee for review. Then Miczo will send to faculty member and chair. The faculty member for CHEM401 will be invited to a future meeting if they have questions or wish to discuss the review.

5. Update: WID Collection

 The name of “WID Anthology” was finalized. It will be described as “A collection of exemplary student work from Writing Instruction in the Disciplines Courses.” A fall session could be focused on informing faculty of the form/guidelines for submissions. The form will include not only “fill in” information but also explain the purpose and the guidelines.

6. New Business: At the next meeting we need to rough out a schedule for fall workshops.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:58 p.m. The next meeting time will be at noon, April 20, 2015.

Respectfully, Courtney Blankenship