**Writing Instruction in the Disciplines (WID) Committee   
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September 14, 2015, 2:00 p.m.

University Union Chicago Room

Present: Nathan Miczo (chair), Magdelyn Helwig, Neil Baird, Munia Cabal-Jiménez, Cecil Tarrant III, Jennie Hemingway, Tawnya Adkins Covert

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm.
2. Approval of minutes from August 31
   1. Corrections requested.
3. Announcements:   
   Annette Hamm recently sent out email regarding Senate committee memberships. WID is listed as being down 1 student member. (student representatives are selected through joint action of Senate and SGA)

New member introduction - Dr. Cecil Tarrant III, Dept. of Management and Marketing

As a reminder –part of role of WID is to review new WID proposals and existing WID courses. We have updated forms and the process for new courses based on those forms. We are preparing to begin review using these new forms and expectations. In preparation, we sought volunteers who would elect to have their courses reviewed to help us with process. We are asking departments to complete the new form AS IF they were submitting a new course proposal. This is an exercise in seeing how existing courses align with new expectations. Four departments/courses were put forward. Two were reviewed in spring 2015. A third will be discussed today.

Review process (for these volunteers) is to have committee review and provide feedback. Nathan Miczo (chair) then contacts faculty member submitting course and provide summary of suggestions/comments from committee.

No courses are on the chopping block, this is an opportunity for faculty to ensure that they align with revised expectations and to offer suggestions on how to come into alignment.

1. Course Review: ECON350

Comments from committee members centered on concern that it is not clear from the submitted information how the course helps students learn how to write like an economist.

* 1. Term paper at end of semester may not provide sufficient time for feedback
  2. In what ways does the term paper reflect the types of writing that economists do?
  3. How is the style manual incorporated into the course
  4. Course as described seems to align with older system of WID (number of pages written) rather than new system of WID (quality over quantity and writing instruction)

Nathan Miczo will send email to Steve Rock with feedback and next step (revise, provide clarification, attend meeting to discuss further, etc.)

1. Update on Fall 2015 enrollments in WID courses

10 day enrollment indicates two courses (ARTH 394 and RDG 383 are both overenrolled at 28 students each). Nathan will send email about over-enrollment policy and report back on replies from department chairs for these courses.

1. CITR sessions for Fall 2015

September 28, 2:00 pm Malpass 180 – Panel discussion on WID  
Neil Baird indicated that the information about the session is on the CITR site and will be promoted this week.

Workshops for this year will be based on feedback received and interests/issues/topics/concerns identified by participants of this session.

Additional promotion: Nathan Miczo ask Annette to send email to Department Chairs about session. In addition, Tawnya Adkins Covert will compile an email list of WID instructors (list sent from Annette) and Annette will be asked to email these individuals as well.

1. WID Anthology:   
   Nathan Miczo has requested final feedback on form and description  
   The committee discussed who will receive this information and how it would be distributed. The consensus was that we send to Chairs first with “In the next few days, your WID faculty will receive an email….” Email can then be sent to WID instructors.  
     
   The goal of WID Anthology is to create a repository of writing from different colleges and disciplines
2. New Business
3. Adjournment  
   Adjourned at 2:38 p.m.

Next meeting: September 28, 2015 (CITR session)