**Writing Instruction in the Disciplines (WID) Committee  
MINUTES**

January 26, 2017  
Algonquin Room, University Union

**PRESENT:**Munia Cabal-Jiménez, chair; Amy Burke, SamitChakravorti, Ritchie Gabbei, Leslie Melim, Joyce Runquist, Mei Wen,voting members, Magdelyn Helwig, Amy Mossman, Ex Officio. Visiting: Jennifer McNabb, History; Lea Monahan, School of Nursing.

**1. Call to order**was given at 2:00PM

**2. Agenda** was approved

**3. History Review, HIST 420, Hist 491.**

The committee agreed the History materials are well written and clearly show the WID requirement is being met. In addition, Dr. McNabb noted that Dr. Greg Hall just received a Summer Stipend award (for 2017) to develop an additional WID course.

**4. Course Review NURS 409, NURS 425**

Dr. Monahan started by noting the NURS 408, currently listed as WID, is not really a WID course. The designation is left over from the original program development and was never updated to reflect what is currently being taught.

Nursing wants to keep NURS 409 as WID and add NURS 425 to the WID list. The forms to add NURS 425 have not yet been submitted. NURS 425 is required for the Bachelor of Nursing program and NURS 409 is the equivalent course for the RN-BSN program. Dr. Monahan emphasized that writing instruction is more diffuse that a traditional “WID” course. The students write in most courses, pieces of which become part of a portfolio following revision. In addition, the students write “Ways of Knowing” papers under the guidance of their mentor, not as part of any course but included as part of the portfolio. NURS 409 and NURS 425 also require an additional paper.

After Dr. Monahan explained the process of writing for the School of Nursing, the committee better understood the rather unique needs of the nursing program. The committee felt that the current WID Review form, however, did not adequately explain. Therefore, Dr. Monahan was asked to rework the form to better reflect what the students learned, even if it wasn’t all done in one of these courses. An emphasis on the portfolio was suggested, as this document seems to cover everything, even though much of it is written separately. The fact that the portfolio is turned in as part of these courses was considered sufficient for the WID designation. In addition, Dr. Monahan will start the forms for formally designating NURS 425 as WID and will ensure both syllabi clearly state these are WID courses. Finally, NURS 408 should have the WID label removed.

**5. Minutes** from 12-1-16 were approved, with corrections.

**6.** Dr. Barry Witten, Interim Chair from the Dept. of Curriculum and Instruction, asked for the committee’s opinion on changing one of their WID courses from 3 sh to 2 sh. It was pointed out that there is no current criteria for WID in the university based on credit hours. Rather, each department must show that the courses in the major designated as WID meet the “Expectations for WID Courses” as outlined in the Review Form for WID Courses. Thus, the number of credits is not entirely relevant.

7. Announcements: Dr. Cabal-Jiménez noted that the committee was now done with the intial review of all departments from the College of Arts and Sciences, so we need to move onto another college. The College of Fine Arts and Communication will be next.

8.**Adjournment** at 2:48 PM. Next meeting will be February 23, 2017, at 2:00PM in the Algonquin Room.

Respectfully submitted,

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Acting Recording Secretary.