COMMITTEE: Writing Across the Curriculum Committee

MEETING DATE: 3.2.2015

PERSON PRESIDING: E. Swaggerty

REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: G. Hubbard, A. Spuches, E. Swaggerty, C. Bickley-Green, T. Hackett

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: T. A. Morse, W. Banks, W. Sharer, M. Eble

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. Bryce Jorgenson, Assistant Professor, College of Human Ecology

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ACTIONS OF MEETING

Agenda Item: Approval of 2.9.2015 Minutes
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Action Taken: Minutes approved 3.2.2015

Agenda Item: WI Course Proposal Request: CDFR 4380 Submitted by Drs. Bryce Jorgensen and Susanna Berry. Lead WAC Reviewer: Cynthia Bickley-Green.

Discussion: Dr. Bryce Jorgensen provided the committee with a brief summary of the proposal. Committee members proposed following changes and recommendations:

1. The committee recommends that the instructor not require students to attend writing center for a grade. There is a concern that the center may not have enough consultants to accommodate the students.
2. The committee is in favor of the group work that is proposed and encourages that students attend the writing center in their respective groups. In lieu of assigning points for attending the Writing Center, the committee also recommends that points can be given for additional peer review. This can occur within the class or between sections.
3. The committee recommends a 25 student cap.
4. The committee would like to see a statement regarding the “Self Analysis” piece (required for iWebfolio upload) to be included in SLO 5.

Action Taken: The committee voted to approve writing intensive credit for CDFR 4380.

Agenda Item: Notification of change in credit hours of WI course CLSC 4802 from 4 to 3 SCH by Dr. Ann C. McConnell, MAEd, MLS(ASCP)CM (College of Allied Health Sciences)

Discussion: NA

Action Taken: NA

Agenda Item: QEP Report, Dr. Wendy Sharer

- Music, French, and German are currently lacking representatives to assist in summer assessment of WI courses. Dr. Sharer would like members of the committee to recommend

individuals to fill the position and reminded the committee that fixed-term instructors may also apply.

- Results from last summer's assessment have been distributed to colleges, programs, and departments. Drs. Sharer and Banks have meetings set up with the Dean of Education, Health Informatics, and Psychology to discuss results and suggest improvements.
- 2/3 of students submitted materials to iWebfolio last semester. A status report will be sent out after spring break. Writing liaisons discussed how to improve submission rates. Assigning points to submission was an option. The QEP is open to more suggestions.

Discussion: NA

Action Taken: NA

Agenda Item: WI Course Audit Process Task Force Report, Dr. Will Banks

- Draft of course audit has been shared with Writing Liaisons and Dr. Sharer is awaiting written feedback.
- Writing Liaisons worked on charts documenting WI courses offered in their departments or programs over the past 5 years. There are digital copies that may be used as examples for the audit.

Discussion: NA

Action Taken: NA

Agenda Item: Faculty Senate Resolution 13-90: course cap of 25 per WI section, Dr. Elizabeth Swaggerty

- The committee responded to a request for information from the Chancellor regarding WI courses with caps greater than 25 on Monday November 18th 2013.
- The committee provided documentation regarding courses with caps greater than 25 and their respective enrollments
- The committee is still waiting for a response from the Chancellor.
- The committee stands by the course cap of 25 students for WI courses which is in line with the QEP and in the best interest of the students and faculty teaching these courses.

Discussion: NA

Action Taken: The committee charged Dr. Michelle Eble, the Chancellor's representative, to contact the Chancellor's office and follow up on Faculty Senate Resolution 13-90 (course cap of 25 students for WI courses).

NEXT MEETING: April 13th, 2015

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Submitted by Anne Spuches