

+Writing Across the Curriculum Committee

Minutes

December 10, 2018

3:00 pm

Meeting Facilitator: Jen-Scott Mobley, Chair

Present: Regular Members: Jen Scott Mobley, Daniel Dickerson (by phone), Lisa Ellison, Ann Mannie, Heather Ries, Bryna Coonin Ex-Officio with vote: Wendy Sharer, Will Banks

Call to order at 3:10pm

Approval of Minutes

- Minutes for November 12, 2018 Approved

Old Business

none

New Business

1. COMM 2210 and COMM 3322: COMM notified the committee that COMM 2210 and COMM 3322 will be banked. COMM students can meet their WI requirements without these two courses.
2. ENGL 2830, 3885, 3875: ENGL reported the removal of ENGL 1200/2201 as prereqs for these courses. Course renumbering was reported for ENGL 2830.
3. WI Review Preliminary Updates:

HISTORY (Scott-Mobley): all necessary documents received.

MATH (Dickerson): all necessary documents received, overage on the counts were considerable. Question for committee: syllabi had scant descriptions of the assignments. Jenn thought MATH 2200 was missing WI language as it appears on the website. (Note to Committee as we progress through the review process: it is useful to copy the WI language into the rubric so you can see it easily.)

MULT (Ellison) have provided no documents at this time. Will points out that they are taught by different instructors – current coordinator does not have info available at this time. Some are under CLAS and Great Books. Will tried to find what's been taught but he thought they had been looked at under these other courses. It will be hard to know how it's taught under so many different names. Will will follow up.

PHILOSOPHY (Sharer): some missing materials noted. 4270 is the only class for which we have a syllabus. However, except for 3521 (WI by section), the majority of PHIL are WI by Section and have not been taught WI in the last five years. Do we want them to provide syllabi or ask them to develop them? Will suggested we ask them to send us a syllabus when the courses are taught. Question: Can we request that they designate ONE that is always WI? They do not have a lot of students in the major. In their memo they indicate that 4276 will be offered as WI in Spring 2019, so Will will follow up with a request to send a syllabus to the WAC Comm so we can review it in the Spring.

PHYSICS (Eble) has provided no materials for review.

POLS (Mannie): of 5 designated WI, only one is required. Materials look complete. Only problem was that the WI syllabus statement was not worded as it should be, although it does mention the university writing portfolio. Two are independent study courses and two are honors courses. POLS 3031 is a research methods course that requires a research paper – the committee thought this required course would be ideal for WI, but it is not currently. We noted the over-enrollment of students in some WI sections, and it was noted that there were no sample assignments included with the materials.

PSYCHOLOGY (Freeman): materials seem complete. Students are required to take PSYC 2210 and capstone thesis writing. Some syllabi missing but they are thesis classes so probably OK. Have small classes with 20 as a cap. They had the WI and UWPortfolio mentioned on WI syllabi.

SOCIOLOGY (Stage): two courses reported. SOCI 4800 is offered every semester. SOCI 4800 is missing the complete WI syllabus statement. No info provided on SOCI 3305; I this has not been taught in the last 5 years.

UNIV (Banks): just one Wi course. Will said everything is there that should be, but syllabus mentions three ways to do final project. One is a research project but the others are not, so is just one option WI? Will will check – internship or capstone – these may or may not be WI. He will seek clarification.

RELIGIOUS STUDIES (Ries): reported on 13 courses they plan to retain as WI. RELI 3692, 3930, 4699 had neither syllabus nor explanation of WI outcomes; RELI 3800, 3896, and 5000 had no explanation of how the course met WI outcomes; and RELI 3500 did not have a syllabus included. Will will follow up on these missing materials.

Announcements

- UWP/UWC Will Banks – have chosen candidates for our open positions and sent them forward. Writing Center is closed for face to face. Writing Program is talking to Dr. Gemperline about adding to the faculty writing retreat and adding a grad student

component after the faculty depart. Asking Dr. Gemperline for about \$1000 for this. UWP/UWC also wants to reach out to Post Docs.

- QEP, Wendy Sharer -- no report
- Writing Foundations – no report
- Honors College Updates—they are taking in proposals for seminars in March.

Next meeting of the committee is January 14, 2019

Adjournment at 4:00

Respectfully submitted,

Bryna Coonin

January 4, 2018