COMMITTEE: Writing Across the Curriculum Committee
MEETING DATE: March 7, 2013 (2:15 pm to 3:45 pm)
PERSON PRESIDING: Hector Garza
REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Elizabeth Swaggerty, Dori Dennison, Rose Bailey, Ashley Egan
EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Michelle Eble, Wendy Sharer, Tracy Morse, Rebecca Benfield, Will Banks, Terry Atkinson
OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Becky Whitley, Josie Bowman
MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE: Carolyn Dunn, Laura Levi Altstaedter, Mike McCammon

ACTIONS OF MEETING

Agenda Item: Request for Approval of Two Course Proposals for WI Designation – NURS 4904-Professionalism in Baccalaureate Nursing Practice and NURS 4905- Nursing in a Global Society.

Discussion: The Committee considered the presentation of the Director of the College of Nursing, Becky Whitley and the College of Nursing Curriculum Chair, Josie Bowman explaining the structure of the two proposed required course curriculums. These two WI course proposals are to replace two courses in the current curriculum at the 2000 level and replace these WI courses to students at the 4000 level of the curriculum. Both courses will be required courses for all graduates of the baccalaureate nursing program. The goal of the new courses is to expand the curriculum in light of changes in the profession and expanding global influences, while also enhancing the quality of professional writing required for this discipline in practice. The Committee considered that the proposal required both peer review and faculty review of the writing components, yet does not require multiple drafts by the student. Minor editing changes were suggested. Also, the requirement of multiple drafts was considered essential for an appropriate writing assignment to demonstrate student learning from the incorporation of faculty and peer feedback.

Action Taken: The Committee after full review and discussion on proper motions by Dori Dennison with a second by Wendy Sharer approved the course proposals unanimously pending correction of minor edit changes and the inclusion of a multiple draft writing requirement.

Assigned Additional Duties To: Hector Garza will communicate to the department that both proposals for NURS 4904 and NURS 4905 were approved conditionally on the correction of minor edit changes and the inclusion of a multiple draft writing requirement for both courses.

Agenda Item: Consideration of Presentation of Proposed WI Course Proposal to Faculty Senate at February meeting by Hector Garza.
**Discussion:** Feedback from the Faculty Senate emphasized concerns with the limit of twenty-five (25) students per section of a WI course and with the required learning objectives. Concerns about learning objectives centered on several issues. One issue raised by faculty at the forum was whether students were required to fully meet all five learning objectives in each WI course. The Committee discussed the goals considering that there needed to be measured progression working towards meeting the stated learning objectives. The Committee discussed the blended balance needed between the numbers of required pages as compared to an assessment of each student’s progressive achievement of learning objectives. Based on the extent of concerns expressed at Faculty Senate, the Committee discussed proceeding with two faculty forums on the East and West Campuses before the end of the academic semester. Further discussion considered best implementation of the forums. The Committee suggested a distributed notice of the forum dates and times with a link to the WAC committee site where drafts of the WI Course Proposal and a sample of an actual Course Proposal would be available for review prior to the forum. It was also suggested that the forums be recorded. A link of the recording would be distributed by email to faculty with a Qualtrics Survey attached for additional feedback. Due to significant scheduling conflicts in the last half of March, tentative dates for the forums were suggested for the afternoon of April 11\textsuperscript{th} and the morning of April 12\textsuperscript{th}.

**Action Taken:** The Committee, after full discussion of the matter, moved on proper motion and second to approve these actions to facilitate additional faculty feedback on the revised WI Course Proposal.

**Assigned Additional Duties To:** Elizabeth Swaggerty is compiling her new course proposal to use as a sample for the forums. Michele Eble will prepare a version of "Science Writing". Will Banks will prepare an additional course from the natural sciences as a model. Michele Eble, Will Banks and Hector Garza will proceed with Lori Lee to handle the logistics for setting the forum arrangements and linking information to the WAC Committee site for faculty review prior to the forum.

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**Agenda Item:** Approval of February Minutes

**Discussion:** Accuracy of minutes reviewed by the Committee

**Action Taken:** The Committee after full review on proper motion and second approved the minutes unanimously.

**Assigned Additional Duties To:** None.

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**NEXT MEETING:** April 8, 2013.

**ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:** To be determined.