

## Writing Across the Curriculum Committee

### Minutes

August 24, 2020

3:00pm

Online Teams Meeting

#### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

Facilitator: Purificacion Martinez (Chair of Faculty Senate), Lisa Ellison (Committee Chair)

Regular Members: Jeanette Avery, Jamin Carson, Danny Ellis, Ann Mannie, Clark Nall, Heather Ries, Jen-Scott Mobley, Lisa Ellison

Ex-officio Members: Will Banks, Michelle Eble, Tracy Morse, Wendy Sharer, Kristen Gregory, Elizabeth Ketterman, Tory Rose Harris

Others in Attendance: Rachel Baker, Claudia Sadowski

#### **I. Call to Order, Welcome, Introductions**

- Presentation of WAC SharePoint Site (Baker)
- Summary of Committee's Charge was presented (Martinez), including membership, committee responsibilities, reporting, advisements, and quorum requirements. The Chair or a member of the committee is tasked with organizing the upcoming meetings via Teams or WebEx online conferences and informing Rachel Baker when/how meetings will take place.

#### **II. Actions of Meeting:**

Agenda Item: Election of WAC Committee Officers

Action Taken:

Chair: Lisa Ellison; Nomination by Ellis, Mannie 2<sup>nd</sup>, Committee approved

Vice Chair: Danny Ellis; Nomination by Ellis, Ellison 2<sup>nd</sup>, Committee approved

Secretary: Ann Mannie; Nomination by Ellis, Mobley 2<sup>nd</sup>, Committee approved

Agenda Item: Appoint a regular voting WAC Committee member to Administrative Honors College Faculty Advisory Committee

Action Taken: Danny Ellis agreed to serve as a regular member again this year.

Agenda Item: Scheduled Standard Meeting Days (Standard Meeting Day – 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month)

August 24, 2020 (4<sup>th</sup>)

September 14, 2020

October 12, 2020

November 9, 2020

December - open

January 25, 2021

February 8, 2021

March 8, 2021

April 12, 2021

Action Taken: No objections

Agenda Item: Business for 2020-2021

- 2020/2021 WI Course Reviews / Conclusion of first 5-year WI review cycle (ENGL and HNRS)  
Discussion: This year's review of ENGL (~ 54 courses) and HNRS (~10-12 courses) will complete the last of the first 5-year review cycle. Banks will place information about the 2020/2021 reviews in the next meeting folder on SharePoint. Suggestion was made to talk with leadership in the Honors College to help establish consistency in WI courses. Committee goal is to begin reviews in

October and November (no meeting in December) in order to complete initial review by January 2021.

- Consideration of ENGL 2201 as a global co-/pre-requisite for 3000-level WI classes and pre-requisite for 4000-level WI classes

Discussion: Morse clarified that ENGL 2201 may be a co- or pre-requisite for WI upper level courses. Music may need special consideration. Committee to decide whether to seek additional feedback from faculty. Ellison will review information in hand to determine if committee is ready to move on a vote next month.

- Evaluation of WI transfer practices

Discussion: WI transfer guidelines include a 200-page document. Banks will bring information to September meeting for discussion to develop recommendations for streamlining WI transfer.

- Evaluation of WI-by-Section practices, including “stacking” practices wherein students in WI sections are taught alongside those not in WI sections.

Discussion: Suggestion to meet with Art Department (and others using stacked WI) to evaluate their need for stacking and help to generate alternatives. Committee has not been in favor of stacking in the past and may consider phased elimination of stacked courses.

### III. Announcements

- University Writing Program/University Writing Center (Banks)
  - Annual Report 19/20 of Committee will be placed in SharePoint folder.
  - Transition from iWebfolio to Portfolium is going well so far. Faculty notified by email.
  - Writing Workshops / Professional Development will be available online; self-paced and/or discussion, possibly synchronous.
  - Writing Center assistance available online and explained on website.
  - Writing Center experiencing significant budget cuts which will impact ability to serve students. Ellison suggested drafting a letter of support to present to Faculty Senate to advocate on behalf of Writing Center.
- Ellison
  - Provided general description of committee member responsibilities.
  - Removal of WI credit from MUSC 1406: Music History & Literature

### IV. Adjournment: Motioned and 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**NEXT MEETING:** Monday, September 14, 2020, 3 p.m., Online

Respectfully submitted,  
Ann Mannie  
August 24, 2020