

East Carolina University Standing Faculty Senate Committee
Writing Across the Curriculum Committee: Minutes

Jan. 24, 2022

3:00pm; Teams Videoconference

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IN ATTENDANCE:

Facilitator: Lisa Ellison, Chair

Regular Members: Jamin Carson, Lisa Ellison, Ann Mannie, Jen-Scott Mobley, Deborah Shoop

Ex-officio Members: Will Banks, Michelle Eble, Elizabeth Ketterman, Tracy Morse, Wendy Sharer, Chandra Speight

Others in Attendance: Claudia Sadowski

Invited Guests In attendance: Deborah Thomson & Brian Massey (COMM); Wendy Sharer (ENGL); Eric Horsman (GEOL); Not in attendance: Donna Kain (ENGL)

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of Minutes from Nov. 8, 2021

III. New business / WI course proposals

- COMM 4321 In-depth Reporting Capstone (tabled from Nov.).
Capstone for the Journalism concentration for majors; existing course not currently designated writing intensive; offered Fall and Spring; capped at 20. Assignments include: Professional-level memos related to real-world news-reporting capstone project; Capstone Project is the long-form in-depth news story of 800-1,200 words (draft and revision). Ellison requested inclusion of WI language / Portfolium information to syllabus.
Action: Mannie – Motion to approve with requested revisions to Ellison; 2nd - Mobley. Approved.
- ENGL 4825 Writing, Rhetoric, and Social Movements.
New course for both majors (primarily) and non-majors; offered every third semester in rotation with other courses; capped at 25. Assignments include: four 2-4 page writing-to-learn papers; weekly discussion posts; a research paper/project including: 2-3- page proposal, 2-3- page working analysis, 8-10 page draft for professor and peer review, 8-10 page final paper; a collaboratively written rhetorical glossary entry; a 2-4 page individually written analysis; a 2-4 page social movement message including a draft for professor and peer review.
Action: Mobley - Motion to approve; 2nd - Speight; Approved.

- **GEOL 2300 Current Topics in Geoscience.**
A new 2 s.h. course for majors; offered once per academic year; if enrollment exceeds 25, will consider two sections. Assignments: Essays / summaries / responses to required reading (approx. 8 total), ~500-750 words each; Annotated bibliography (3-4 sources) ~250 words per source; Cover letter for job search (multiple drafts), ~250-500 words; Resume (multiple drafts), ~250-500 words. Peer review will be included in at least one assignment. Banks asked for clarification regarding reduction of WI credit hours for department.
Action: Banks - Motion to approve; 2nd - Sharer; Approved.
- **WI Proposal Form revision to include ENGL 2201 recommendations.**
Ellison discussed recommended revision to WI Proposal form to include language encouraging English 2201 as a co-requisite and/or prerequisite for WI courses in the majors. Ellison also suggested including the number of credits for proposed WI course to WI Proposal form. Morse recommended tabling final revisions until discussion with UCC.

IV. Notification of Curricular Changes

- WI designation removal from GEOL 4020/4021, Stratigraphy and its lab; and GEOL 4200/4201, Paleontology and its lab.
- Revision to pre-requisite for JUST 3502 Legal Aspects of Corrections.

V. Writing Intensive Review: Subcommittee Reports

All subcommittee reports were presented and discussed for the following Colleges:
(* = presenters):

- Allied Health Sciences: Mannie*, Shoop
- Business: Ellis, Ellison*
- Education: Mobley*, Carson, Wrenn
- Engineering & Technology: Eble, Banks*, Morse, Sharer
- Nursing: Speight*, Ketterman*

Banks and Ellison will draft letters with recommendations. Requested WI designation removals will be addressed at the February meeting.

VI. Announcements

- Reminder to those whose terms expire this year to fill out the volunteer preference form for committee service.
- University Writing Program/University Writing Center (Banks)
WP annual report has been submitted and is housed in WAC Share Point files for committee to view. Writing Retreat is scheduled at Trinity Center. WAC Academy led by Flinchbaugh will begin again this semester. UWC is open and online but shifting to FtoF asap. Banks encourages

faculty to prompt students to apply for UWC student employment positions. Spring Book Group begins next week and will discuss the book “Ungrading”.

- Writing Foundations (Morse): Doing well.
- Honors College (Ellis): No reports.

VII. Any other business: None

VIII. Adjournment: Adjourned.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, Feb. 14, 2022, 3 p.m., Teams videoconference

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Mannie
Jan. 24, 2022