Writing Instruction in the Disciplines (WID) Council

Agenda

November 18, 2021

1pm, Zoom meeting

Members: LaFountain (Chair), Peterman (Vice Chair), Chamberlin, Gruver, Stinnett, Beans, Mossman (ex-officio), Gilchrist (ex-officio)

Absent: Gardner and Gates

1. Call to order: 1:00pm

2. Approval of Agenda --Approved

3. Approval of Minutes of October 21, 2021 --Approved

4. Old Business:

Update on College of Arts and Sciences WID courses review.

Discussion about recommended revisions.

5. New Business:

1. Finalizing College of Arts and Sciences WID courses review.
   1. Recommended Revisions
      1. Major Revisions:
         1. PHYS 490- Major Revision- Needs to have writing as a major component. Currently has a very small portion of writing.
            1. Doug is going to email the Chair with WID committee’s recommendations.
      2. Moderate Revisions:
         1. CHEM courses don’t have ENG 280 as prerequisite.
            1. Doug will email Linda asking about the process of adding the prerequisite.
         2. BOT 430- Currently has one lab report, which is at most 10 pages long. The syllabus indicates information about the report doesn’t occur until towards the last month of the semester. Also, no built-in revision and missing the WID statement.
         3. BIOL 340- Currently has four lab write ups. Only one has a revision but is optional. It doesn’t appear that 25% of the grade is related to writing.
            1. It is recommended the course add drafts and revision before final version.
      3. Minor Revisions: Doug will email instructors addressing the following questions/recommendations.
         1. PSY 323- Doesn’t list prerequisite.
         2. GEOL 340- ENG 280 prerequisite is optional; this needs to be clarified.
         3. NURS 408- Needs to list ENG 280 as a prerequisite.
         4. BIOL 340- Check to ensure the students are having roughly 5,000 words of writing.
2. Possible script for short explainer video for new WID instructors, as well as options for visuals.
   1. Doug is working on this.
3. Preparation for College of Business and Technology WID courses review next semester.
   1. Doug is going to compile a list of WID courses.
4. New WID course request from Engineering and will consider it in the first meeting of Spring Semester.
5. Meeting time for next semester.
   1. Thursdays at 1pm with late January being the first meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: 1:32pm

Respectfully submitted by Kaycee Peterman