Writing Instruction in the Disciplines (WID) Council

February 27, 2020

3:00 pm, DuSable Room, University Union

Present: Brian Locke (chair), Joel Gruver, Glenn Daugherty, Doug LaFountain, Jena Gardner, Anna Valeva

Absent: Amy Mossman (ex-officio), Magdelyn Helwig (ex-officio)

1. Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm.

2. Approval of agenda: The agenda was approved.

3. Approval of minutes: The minutes of 2-6-20 were approved with one minor edit.

4. Update on workshop scheduling: Through discussion the Council arrived at a working plan to organize a WID community-building open house for all WID instructors. The goal will be to facilitate small-group breakout discussions that allow WID instructors to discuss challenges and successes in their WID courses, but in an informal social environment conducive to free-flowing dialogue. The hope is that this informal event will lead to greater participation and focus for a more formal CITR workshop in the fall. A tentative date and time of Thursday, April 2 from 4:00-5:30 was proposed, and Locke will investigate the possibility of having this event at an off-campus venue so as to allow for participants to purchase refreshments while they converse. Once details are set, WID Council members will personally invite WID instructors in their own colleges, and Gardner will prepare an invitation graphic to include with electronic correspondence. A motion to approve this plan was made by LaFountain and seconded by Valeva, with all members voicing their approval.

5. Old Business: Locke received a response from the chair of LEJA explaining why two of their Spring 2020 WID courses were slightly over-enrolled, and Locke conveyed his appreciation for the detailed analysis provided by this department.

6. New Business: The Council is waiting for review forms for the following courses: KIN 350, KIN 444, PETE 411. Once these are submitted, review of these courses will commence. On a different topic, Locke encouraged WID Council members to nominate WID faculty who would help transmit WID-related concerns/questions/information between their department and the WID Council. Such individuals would be WID ambassadors or liaisons serving to help facilitate effective communication from the Council to individual departments.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully,

Doug LaFountain