

Writing Instruction in the Disciplines (WID) Committee
March 29, 2018
2:00 pm, Horrabin Hall 23

Present: Munia Cabal-Jimenéz (chair), Magdelyn Helwig (ex-officio), Courtney Blankenship, Leslie Melim, Nathan Miczo, Joyce Runquist. Absent: Anna Valeva, Lorri Kanauss, Ritchie Gabbei. Guests: Diana Higgins, Buzz Hoon.

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:59 pm.

2. A motion was made to approve the agenda.

3. A motion was made to approve the minutes from 2-22-18.

4. Continued Review: BC&J 400: Mass Communication Law & Ethics. The following concerns were discussed: papers were only 20% of the total grade, little writing instruction was mentioned in course objective, and assignments were not discipline specific writing. Magdelyn mentioned that BC&J is likely already providing the necessary discipline specific writing in BC&J 200 and 201. After further discussion, the motion was presented and passed that the sequence of both courses: BC&J 200 and BC&J 400 would satisfy the WID requirement.

4. Second Review: GCOM320 Professional Preparation in Graphic Communication. Diana Higgins explained well over 50% of the grade for this class was attributed to writing assignments. She supplied a revised syllabus and sample assignments. Munia recommended the sequencing of this course with the required internship. The motion was presented and passed to approve this course for WID designation.

5. Second Review: ENGR 490 Engineering Senior Design. Dr. Ravikumar submitted a revised syllabus that did clarify previous questions. The motion was presented and passed to approve this course for WID designation.

7. Executive Committee of Faculty Senate request to review again guidelines for Online/CODEC WID Courses. Issues include 1) providing instruction for teaching online WID courses 2) CODEC courses should be categorized specifically as “CODEC” and due to technological glitches should be used as a last resort for teaching writing 3) if a class is a WID course and then transferred to an online or CODEC platform, instructor should submit to WID committee again, and subsequent training for implementation should be required. This led to the discussion in no. 8.

8. Review of Guidelines and Best Practices.

Magdelyn said there were 3 sets of guidelines on the WID website, so she suggests they be collapsed into a folder. Her slate of revisions include: a new form for face-to-face classes, a new form for online classes, a new form for BGS classes and a statement on CODEC classes. On the website she mentioned the podcasts tab should come down, dated sample syllabi should be replaced with current ones, the “WID Journal” tab should come down and there are duplicate

tabs for “WID Options for Course.” Munia suggested the rest of the semester be devoted to this task of revising guidelines.

9. No New Business

The meeting was adjourned at 3:02 p.m. The next meeting will be at 2:00 p.m., April 19, 2018, in the Algonquin Room in the Union.

Respectfully,
Courtney Blankenship