

WAC Minutes, Sept 11, 2013

2:30-3:30, Library Conference Room

Present: Beecher, Bitz, Barnes, Kisor, Addington, Giacoppe, Daffron, Mentore, Connor, Kitchen

1. The committee decided on a process for reviewing syllabi. The unit rep will ensure that the checklist requirements have been met. The unit rep will then put the syllabus in a dropbox folder shared with committee members.
2. The committee decided on Oct. 1, 2013 as the deadline to receive new WI course proposals.
3. The unit representatives each gave an update on the status of the 3 WIs in the major initiative. Addington reported that CA is submitting nearly 30 new syllabi in combination with their new core. All of the CA majors seem on track with the three WIs in the major, except for Visual Arts. Bitz reported that SSHS is on track as well, except for Environmental Studies, which he will address. Also, the Social Science contract major is still a problematic issue. Kisor reported that SSAIS is on track, although International Studies needs more WI electives. Also, the Liberal Studies contract major is still a problematic issue. Beecher reported that TAS is on track.
4. Beecher reported that the WAC program is considered a high impact program and will be incorporated into the college's assessment plans. Connor stated that she has access to a range of writing assessment across the college, which she will make available to the committee.
5. The committee agreed that the WAC website needs to be populated with more resources for faculty. The unit reps will seek quality syllabi, writing assignments, assessments, etc. for this purpose.
6. The committee agreed that the Faculty Writing Institute is a good idea and will pursue the establishment of it again this year in partnership with FRC.
7. The committee agreed that writing awards (whether monetary or not) are a good way to promote and feature quality student writing. The committee also agreed that a scholarly version of Trillium is a good way to promote student writing.