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UNIVERSITY WRITING COMMITTEE

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COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

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The principal work of the Committee for the academic year 2014-2015 was to continue the quinquennial review of Junior Year Writing course syllabi. Using the online Course and Curriculum Management system built for this purpose by the Center for Educational Software Development (CESD), the UWC approved the following courses:

- Astronomy 301
- Biology 312
- Chemistry 391A
- Comparative-Literature 397B \textit{(proposed new course number 357)}
- Computer Science 305
- Dance 368
- English 300
- French 303
- Food Science 391
- German 391G
- History 594J \textit{(proposed new course number 450)}
- Japanese 391W \textit{(proposed new course number 381W)}
- Linguistics 391A
- Mathematics 370
- Microbiology 360
- Music 350
- Physics 381
- Sociology 301
- Spanish 313
- Theater 321
- Theater 322
- Theatre 397T
- Women, Gender, Sexuality Studies 391W \textit{(proposed new course number 310W)}

The UWC approved the following new courses:

- Sociology 392D
- Public Health 499N

In addition to these JYW course reviews, the Committee presented the following faculty workshops on writing pedagogy:

- \textit{Workshop: Giving Feedback to Student Writers}
  Friday, February 21, 2015, 1320, W.E.B. Du Bois Library

- \textit{Cross-Disciplinary Approaches to Junior Year Writing Course Design}
  Monday, March 2, 2015, 2601, W.E.B. Du Bois Library
In the process of reviewing the JYW course syllabi, the Committee drafted two special reports, one on a proposed policy on Junior Year Writing Course Substitution and one on making College Writing a prerequisite to all Junior Year Writing Courses. These reports will be presented to the Faculty Senate in 2015-2016 term.

The Committee held eight meetings in 2014-2015. In September 2014, Deborah McCutchen stepped down as Chair to assume the Directorship of the Junior Year Writing Program and Katherine Freedman was elected Chair for a term of two years. The following Committee members continued to serve on the UWC: Haivan Hoang, Director of the Writing Program, *ex officio*, David Bartone, (UWW), Alex Phillips (CHC), Susan Ware (CHC), Rebecca Lorimer Leonard (English), and Travis Grandy (Graduate Student Representative).

The Committee’s primary task for the next academic year will be completing the quinquennial review of Junior Year Writing syllabi.