

University Writing Committee Meeting Minutes
March 2, 2018, 1-2:15pm
Du Bois Library, Room 1327

Members present: Laura Hartenberger, Evan Ross, Casey Kelleher, Kate Freedman, Dina Navon, Jenny Krichevsky, Rebecca Dingo, Becky Miller

I. Review of the Minutes from February 2, 2018

Motion to approve (Kate); motion seconded.

II. New course reviews

Proposal #4858 Mideast 389: Topics in Middle Eastern Studies

Herman: Recommended for approval with strong suggestions

- Potential suggestion is 1) to add assignments devoted to professional development and information literacy and 2) to add a required reference handbook ("Easy Writer").

Kate: Recommended for approval

Motion to PASS (Rebecca Dingo); PASSED.

Proposal #4805 Judaic 389: Topics in Judaic Studies

Alice: Recommended for approval

Evan: Recommended for approval

Motion to PASS (Kate Freedman); PASSED.

III. Committee Membership Recruitment

Jenny sent out recruitment email to colleges; UWC members will also reach out to more people.
March 12th deadline for submitting to Fac Senate.

IV. Report on Mutual Mentoring Grant

Evan and Becky: grant submitted. 4 core members and 10 members who would meet every month for different themes in writing pedagogy.

V. Report on February Workshop

Jenny: Colloquium on 2/28 on Peer Review went really well. Question is, what to do with the generated ideas or materials?

- Repository? Permission of faculty to share documents/assignments? Sharing colloquium agenda and highlights? ScholarWorks as a space to share? Either way, some kind of online space to float the useful info.
- Maybe using WP "Reflective teaching blog"; highlights of JYW colloquia-- embed links etc; Look at Wisc and other teaching writing blogs.

VI. Subcommittee for Teaching Award

Kate, Deb and Rebecca will take on subcommittee.

VII. Discussion of Goals for First Year Writing Program review

Unlike the 2010 FYW review, which was interested in figuring out whether students fulfilled FYW goals, this time around, the WP is more interested in whether the FYW program is meeting national standards.

- Outside reviewers would enable us to get data on:
 - curriculum
 - labor/workload issues
 - comparative analysis
- Becky: if we can't get outside reviewers, we can use the recommendations from 2010 to focus the review that the UWC will do.
- Potentially worth reaching out to the review organization now to see what the timeline is like. Rebecca will reach out and pass info to UWC.
- Carol Barr (Provost) can be a person to reach out to (again) in order to see about budget for this.

Meeting adjourned, 2:10pm.