# MINUTES OF THE WRITING COMPETENCY SUBCOMMITTEE

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Members Present: V. Crisco (Chair), M. Brady, R. Hansen, D. Hart, E. Hughes, A. Inoue, S. Kiernan

The meeting was called to order at 2PM by Chair Crisco in Library Room 4172

1. Minutes. MSC to approve the Minutes of November 29, 2012
2. Agenda. MSC to approve the Agenda as distributed.
3. Communications and Announcements
4. New Business
   1. Committee’s future projects brainstorm
      1. Can we look at the writing life of a student over 6 years?
      2. Collect writing from students and writing assignments not just in GE but in all classes
      3. Continue to look at W courses to see if they are following the policy
      4. Have writing intensive GE courses?
      5. UDWE: Get rid of timed test and replace with a senior portfolio
      6. We need people to read them
      7. It would give us data about students and their writing
      8. We could use the information for accreditation
      9. Not use it as a requirement to graduation
      10. Tabled for next meeting
   2. Criminology Dept and Title V money to support writing brainstorm:
      1. Largest department on campus
      2. 2 years of funds to improve student writing
      3. Approximately $10,000 per semester for four semesters
      4. Criterion, MyWritingLab, graduate student tutors, there are lots of options
      5. Hire a writing instructor for larger, 100 person class size, who responds to writing and who does outside writing instruction as needed. $25/ hour at 100 hours per semester per class. No grading, only feedback.

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MSC to adjourn at 3:00pm

Next meeting: Friday, April 5th from 11:30-1:00 in TBA

APPENDIX A

Criterion Report for 2012

Totals (Spring and Fall)

28 Faculty

98 Classes / Programs (supportnet, etc)

4,384 students

29,548 submissions

Fall 2012 estimates

17 Faculty

62 Classes / Programs

2,945 students

18,191 submissions