# MINUTES OF THE WRITING COMPETENCY SUBCOMMITTEE

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Members Present: V. Crisco (chair), E Hughes, D. Hart, M. Brady, A Inoue

Members Absent: R. Hansen, S. Kinnen

Visiting: W. Covino, Provost

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 AM by Chair Crisco in Library Room 4164

1. New Business: Supplemental Writing Services Consultant’s Report
   1. General Responses
      1. 1 year to have a plan for action
      2. What strikes you: confusion about services among students, staff, faculty
      3. What are expectations and why do we have them: word requirement for GE classes
      4. One place for help with writing, but ALL aspects of writing
      5. Ask faculty what they want with writing help
      6. We need a sophomore level writing course
      7. For transfer students, we need to also pay attention to their needs
      8. We need to clear up the bottleneck for W courses: invest the money so it is really a Junior level course
      9. Every department needs a W course and can make it a co-requisite to other courses
      10. W courses in the disciplines would create major problems for some departments, such as crim: 500 students at junior level. They would need 30 people to teach all those sections
      11. We need more faculty development in teaching writing (Asao is already working on that this summer)
      12. Writing fellows in large classes? Course redesign is already available to support it
      13. Writing Center should be in the Library

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Chair Crisco will create a proposal from this meeting and the report with a one-year timeline for implementation.

MSC to adjourn at 12:45pm

Next meeting: Thursday, April 18th from 2-3 in HML 4172