# MINUTES OF THE WRITING COMPETENCY SUBCOMMITTEE

# CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, FRESNO

# 5241 North Maple, M/S TA 43

# Fresno, California 93740-8027

# Office of the Academic Senate

# Ext. 8-2743

April 18, 2013

Attending: V. Crisco (chair), M. Brady, R. Hansen, D. Hart, E. Hughes, A. Inoue, L. Zylezny

Missing: S. Kiernen

The meeting was called to order at 2PM by chair Crisco in HML room 4172.

Old Business

I. Minutes approved from last two meetings

II. Brainstorm: How do we get people on board for a culture change?

* Establish University Policy on Writing – policy driven, create a summit
* Have two days off for inservice on writing (ask Michael Caldwell). Have students do that work as well. Ask the Provost right away.
* We need to make it easy for faculty to want to be a part of it
* Extensive descriptions of problems and proposed solutions
* Offer breakfast or lunch meeting to start these conversations going
* What are the obstacles to assigning writing, responding to writing, and assessing writing
* Balance between practical issues versus theoretical/disciplinary ideas
* If the writing center is helping with GE classes, then that could present an offer to help (and show that we see what they are dealing with) that could then lead folks to potentally participate in some kind of activity to get
* Session at new faculty orientation to respond to writing
* Quick tips for responding to writing for all faculty
* Take over department meetings

III. Suggestions to revise the proposal:

* Change the proposal where it discusses how students meet the W requirement.

Writing Competency Subcommittee

April 18, 2013

Page 2

* It should be clearer and more strongly emphasized that the writing center should serve the entire university
* Make a policy about class sizes when there is a writing requirement

MSC to adjourn at 3:15

Next Meeting from on May 2nd, 2013 from 2-3 in HML 4172.