# MINUTES OF THE WRITING COMPETENCY SUBCOMMITTEE

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

Missing: R. Hansen

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

# Old Business

## Approval of Minutes from 3-13-2014

# Announcements:

## UDWE Changes: Chair Crisco contacted Dennis Nef to see how information about the new UDWE requirements were being implemented. Dennis sent an email to Chair Crisco that was sent to students to encourage them to take the UDWE or register for a class or else their classes would be dropped. The committee wanted to know if Dennis would be sending out an email to faculty to let them know that this process for getting the UDWE taken care of is in place. Chair Crisco will follow up.

B. WAC Special Assistant Changes: Chair Crisco announced that the Special Assistant to the Provost for Writing Across the Curriculum Position would be terminated as of August 1, 2014.

# New Business

## Proposal for a permanent WAC Coordinator: The committee spent the rest of the meeting discussing how to move forward in proposing a permanent Writing Across the Curriculum Coordinator.

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i. Other CSU with WAC Coordinators: Sacramento, San Francisco, San Diego?

ii. WAC position needs to have a home department but also be responsible to the whole university. We discussed various options, such as positions are funded from the provost’s office or report to the dean of undergraduate studies but are faculty appointments in the English department. Chair Crisco said she would speak with Dennis about whether or not he would be willing to have the WAC Coordinator reported to him.

iii. Report from the current WAC Special Assistant: Program building was the majority of his work. Going to each department and talking with faculty face-to-face about university events, the university handbook, and support with syllabi also worked well. The only workshops that were useful were special ones on rubrics, for example, or when special guests came to the university. The WAC online resources, such as Facebook and the WAC website were useful.

iv. The committee discussed that the WAC coordinator could take over the UDWE and then have an additional course release to manage the work discussed above.

MSC to adjourn at 3PM

Next Meeting: April 24, 2014 in HML 4172