# MINUTES OF THE WRITING COMPETENCY SUBCOMMITTEE

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Attending: V. Crisco (chair), L. Herrera, L. Oka, A. Mine, L. Taylor-Hamm

Missing: M. Anagnostopoulos, J. Levitt, C. Maul, B. Muscat,

Visiting: J. Wahleithner

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM by chair Crisco in HML room 4164.

# Agenda Approved, Minutes from 10/01/19 approved.

# Old Business

## AGBS 170WS: The committee gave the final approval to this course with some minor suggestions.

# New Business

## Combining W Courses: The committee was asked to weigh in on if 2 or more of the same W course could be combined into one time slot for ease of the instructor. The committee does not agree to this practice for these (selected) reasons:

* The point of small class size is more individualized instruction
* It is important to create a sense of community with students and larger classes are more difficult to create this
* The class should not be lecture heavy but should focus on some mini lessons and time for students to apply them to their work

## Review of Current W Course Syllabus: PHIL 133W/English 115W. The committee had many suggestions on this syllabus. Mainly the committee wanted to see writing being taught in this class: there was no writing textbook, writing is assigned but it does not look like it is taught in the schedule, the course goals do not include writing, there is no mention of when or how students will receive feedback on their writing, the assessment criteria needs further development.

MSC to adjourn at 2:00 PM

Next Meeting: December 5, 2019