# MINUTES OF THE WRITING COMPETENCY SUBCOMMITTEE

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Attending: V. Crisco (chair), M. Anagnostopoulos, L. Herrera, L. Oka, A. Mine,

Missing: J. Levitt, C. Maul, B. Muscat, L. Taylor-Hamm

Visiting: J. Wahleithner

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

# Agenda Approved, Minutes from 10/31/19 approved.

# New Business

## Review of New W Course Proposal: AIS 105W: the committee felt that there were some strong elements in this syllabus, such as writing being taught in the schedule, students engaging in a writing process, and students participating in peer review. The committee want to see the justification, course description, and outcomes to be more focused on writing. We wanted the proposer to move away from teaching formulaic writing toward teaching writing that was more situated in their discipline, we wanted to be sure that students were doing more than editing their writing during peer review to include large scale revision, and we wanted to see a rubric for evaluating writing and a word count for writing assignments. Chair Crisco will follow up with the proposer.

## Review of Current W Course Syllabus:

MCJ 102W: the committee felt that there were a lot of real-world writing opportunities in this syllabus. The committee was concerned that there was not enough emphasis on students as learners of writing, we wondered if students had a chance to draft writing, and we wanted to know the kind of feedback students got to their writing. We also mentioned a couple of university policies, such as accepting late work if there is a medical issue.

Ling 110W: This course generally looked fine. We would have liked to see a schedule to determine if writing was actually being taught in the class. The committee also felt that the grading seemed confusing.

MSC to adjourn at 3:00 PM

Next Meeting: December 5, 2019