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May 5, 2022

Zoom: <https://fresnostate.zoom.us/j/2984108197>

Attending: Juliet Wahleithner (chair), Amanda Dinscore, Jacqui Curry, Lalita Oka, Aric Mine, Bernadette Muscat (Ex-Officio)

Missing: Maria Dolores Morillo, Jenny Krichevsky, Jamie Levitt, Nigel Vigan (Student)

Agenda:

- Welcome
 - [Approval of minutes from April 28, 2022](#)
 - Moved: Amanda
 - Second: Jacqui
 - Approval of Agenda
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- Review [Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement](#) Letter of Support
 - [Fresno State's Letter of Support](#)
- Review [Draft Committee Statement Against Use of Turnitin](#), written by Amanda Dinscore
 - Our goal
 - Encourage people to not use Turnitin
 - Develop their understanding of the problematic nature of Turnitin
 - Educate people in how to use Turnitin effectively if will use it
 - Need to acknowledge that people do use Turnitin effectively as a tool
 - Would it be possible to create a workshop for faculty on preventing plagiarism that highlights using Turnitin as a tool
 - Perhaps this could be offered by Jenny as a WAC workshop—or included within existing workshops
 - Amanda created a workshop for students in collaboration with FYC faculty focused on preventing plagiarism
 - Library Tutorials: Preventing Plagiarism—<https://library.fresnostate.edu/info/guides-tutorials/canvas-tutorials>

- Other potential best practice
 - Include language for syllabi on resources to support students in not plagiarizing
 - library
 - Writing Center
 - WAC coordinator
- Next steps:
 - Will sit on for summer and revisit in Fall
 - Perhaps reach out to faculty who teach W courses for list of best practices in
 - supporting students to not plagiarize
 - using Turnitin effectively
- Supporting W-course faculty
 - Juliet will coordinate with Bernadette to get list of W-course faculty
 - Share resources, including library resources
- Future work: 2022-2023
 - Need to get back to W-course audits–focus for 2022-2023?
 - Concerns: Courses don't align with APM
 - Specific course concern: Dinosaurs class
- Announcements
 - May 5, 4-6 Library Write-In for students
- Adjourned at

Next Meeting: 11:53