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Members Present: V. Crisco (Chair), R. Hansen, D. Hart, E. Hughes; L. Naca

Member Absent: C. Ogaja, K. Putirka, B. Sethuramasamyraja

The meeting was called to order at 2PM by Chair Crisco in Library Room 4172

1. Minutes. MSC to approve the Minutes of 1/26/12
2. Agenda. MSC to approve the Agenda as distributed.
3. Communications and Announcements
4. New Business
 - a. GE Writing Requirements Revision: MSC to approve with the recommendation that graduate teaching assistants coordinate with the WAC coordinator to be trained to respond to writing.
 - b. Future Directions: The committee discussed ways that we could make some positive changes to support writing across campus. Our brainstorm focused on these areas / ideas:
 - i. Check with our WAC coordinator and Writing Center Director for inventory of concerns
 - ii. More W courses for students: Crim: being told that they have to cut back on courses, can't offer a W course; Anthro 105: students can't get in until they are a spring semester senior
 - iii. Increased class sizes in GE and dealing with students who need a lot of support with writing: talk with GE teachers to find out what challenges they are facing with teaching writing on campus
 - iv. Differences between the colleges and resources for teaching assistants to help with responding to writing
 - v. Writing summit: We could use this opportunity to take inventory of what people want by focusing on getting key folks,

teachers and students, to get to understand how to support writing on campus

- vi. Survey Students through ASI about their experiences with writing on campus

MSC to adjourn at 3:15pm

Next meeting: Thursday, April 26th from 2-3 in HML 4172. Each committee member should bring a friend who teaches in GE.