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Attending: V. Crisco (chair), D. Austin, M. Brady, D. Hart, E. Hughes,
D. Neff

Missing: None

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

I. Minutes and Agenda Approved

II. Old Business

- A. Discussion of our First charge (to describe how students move through various stages of learning to write during their program): the committee discussed the exigence for creating writing policy for the academic policy manual. We considered bridging the charge with the culminating experience, recommending a Linguistics course to go with a W course for those students who need it, writing intensive courses, and moving to a writing in the disciplines model.
- B. Writing-In the Disciplines: The committee discussed the merits of a writing in the disciplines approach. We also discussed challenges to the writing in the disciplines model such as departments with large class sizes or small majors, that people haven't been trained to teach writing, that departments might need to hire new faculty to teach writing in their disciplines, that for many disciplines the curriculum is full. One solution is to require all upper division GE courses to also be W courses.
- C. Future Committee Work: We then discussed other work that the committee could do such as create a policy like the GE Policy AMP 215, evaluate writing assignments in GE courses, or assess student GE eportfolio for the writing they are able to do.

MSC to adjourn at 3PM

Next Meeting: TBA