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Attending: V. Crisco (chair), D. Hart, J. Wahleithner

Visiting: T. McNamara, J. Fields

Ex-Officio: X. Fu

Missing: M. Brady, J. Chen, E. Hughes, K. Machoian,

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM by chair Crisco in HML room 4164.

I. Agenda Approved

II. New Business

A. JS 100W Course Proposal

1. The committee discussed this proposal and provided both positive and constructive feedback. In particular, the committee requested that the proposer rethink some of the sequencing of writing assignments, that the rubrics for evaluation be more closely linked to disciplinary requirements, that the writing assignment due dates are represented in the schedule, that the Writing Center is also represented for writing help, and that plagiarism checkers be used to support students' revision and learning of academic conventions. The committee requested to see this proposal again before approving it.

B. HIST 113W Course Proposal

1. The committee discussed this proposal and provided both positive and constructive feedback. In particular, the committee requested that the proposer include a text that focuses on how to write for the textbook requirements; that the syllabus, though the writing assignments and the

assessment practices, focus more on disciplinary conventions for literacy; that there be descriptions of course writing assignments included; that there is writing instruction listed in the course schedule; that the Writing Center is also represented for writing help; and that plagiarism checkers be used to support students' revision and learning of academic conventions.

C. Spanish W Course

1. The committee discussed briefly a Spanish W course and if we would require that the course writing be completed in English. The committee discussed so pros and cons, but decided to revisit this conversation at a later date.

MSC to adjourn at 4:00 PM

Next Meeting: May 5, 2017