MINUTES OF WRITING LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: September 20, 2011 10-11; 11-11:30
Present: C. Savini (English, Committee Chair), H. Boehler (Movement Science); C. Braun (GARP); R. Burwell (Psychology); J. Dempsey (History); C. Kudlac (Criminal Justice), S. Lawson (Music), M. Marotta (Academic Affairs), N. Padykula (Social Work); C. Seidel (English); C. Von Renesse (Math); N. West (Academic Advising); J. Robertson (student representative).

WLC’s charge change: Committee agreed to propose to change the charge so that we may make room for more members from other disciplines and so that we do not require 3 English faculty to function (it's difficult to get three English faculty on the committee).

“The Committee shall include three (3) members from the Department of English, six (6) Faculty/Librarians representing different departments, two (2) students, two (2) administrators.”

Here is the proposed revised passage: “The Committee shall include at least two (2) members from the Department of English, at least five (5) Faculty/Librarians representing different departments, two (2) students, two (2) administrators.”

Post-WAC workshops survey: The committee revised a draft of the Post-WAC Workshop survey submitted by C. Savini. C. Von Renesse and H. Boehler have agreed to proofread the next draft of the survey on SurveyMonkey.

Post-WAC workshop Meeting: We will run 2-3 post-WAC workshop meetings during which participants of the WAC workshop will develop a plan for bringing an aspect of the workshop back to their department. Alternatively, if more than two people attended from a single department or if participants find it challenging present to their department, participants can run a workshop/brown bag/roundtable discussion in the Faculty Center.

Next WAC workshop: The committee agreed to pursue Neal Lerner, MIT, for next WAC workshop. We will ask Dr. Lerner to run two ½ day workshops: 1. “What is Good Writing?” for the campus-wide community; 2. “Writing in the Sciences” aimed at faculty in the sciences.

Turning Your Dissertation into a Book: S. Lawson expressed an interest in a workshop on turning your diss into a book. C. Kudlac plans to contact Sonya to discuss this. According to H. Dempsey, Dr. Classen, an editor from University of Arizona Press, will be presenting in the Faculty Center on October 25 at 3 p.m. on academic publishing.

Action Items:
- C. Savini will complete the following:
  - Revise Post-WAC workshop survey.
  - Submit proposal for charge change.
- Schedule 2-3 post-WAC workshops meetings, 1.5 hours each.
- Establish a WLC tab on MyWestfield.
- Arrange workshop in Faculty Center once participants respond to survey
  (specifically: what workshops/discussions would you attend/lead?)

- H. Boehler and C. Von Renesse will proofread revised Post-WAC workshop survey
- R. Burwell, H. Boehler, and C. Braun will assess WAC handouts for MyWestfield tab
- N. West has volunteered to co-lead a discussion on using peer review in the classroom
  with a focus on the benefits of peer collaboration
- N. Padykula and C. Von Renesse have expressed an interest in co-leading a discussion in
  the Faculty Center on student-motivated inquiry.