

Writing Intensive Committee Meeting 12-5-11 at 5pm

Present: Gwen Hale, Mary Rigsby, Surupa Gupta, Courtney Clayton, Joe Nicholas

- Discussed WI Proposals.
- We approved all of the WI proposals for Fall 2012. These were:
 - PSYC proposals for department as a whole about their research seminars. These were:
 - **PSYC 411: Research Seminar in Abnormal, Personality, or Social Psychology**
 - **PSYC 412: Research Seminar in Biological Psychology**
 - **PSYC 413: Research Seminar in Cognition or Learning**
 - **PSYC 414: Research Seminar in Developmental Psychology**
 - RELG 305, Religion and Politics in the United States
 - GEOL/EESC 313, Fluvial Geomorphology
- Discussed whether or not the requirements for WI should change in any way. Need to look at institutions we usually look at in terms of comparisons to see what they do to add to the list Gwen compiled already. All agreed that the idea is to also include informal writing as well.
- Suggested 15 pages as graded and certain category of ungraded writing; we could provide the list Gwen put together as suggestions for ungraded writing
- Discussed issue that students need more writing in lower-level courses, such as FSEMs
- Discussed perhaps sending some kind of survey out to assess how well faculty feel students are prepared to write and will rewrite goals for this year
- Meeting adjourned at 6pm