



**Speaking Intensive Committee
April 16, 2018 Meeting Agenda**

Present members: Anand Rao, Laura Wilson, Parrish Waters, Elizabeth Johnson-Young

- I. Selection of Secretary for 2018-2019
 - a. Elizabeth Johnson-Young

- II. Speaking Center and SI Program Report
 - a. Fall 2017 visits report
 - i. Total—over 1,000 consultations and 62 class visits
 - ii. Added more hours
 - iii. Will have about the same number of consultants next year and want to be able to support at least 2000 students in the fall.
 - b. Summer 2018 plans
 - i. trying to expand summer hours
 - ii. will have a student consultant over the summer: 3 during first session and 2 during second session
 - iii. goal to support the STP program
 - c. Assessment plans for Summer 2018
 - i. Will assess first year seminar discussions and presentations;
 - ii. Once QEP report is done next March, will look at evaluating the SI assessment plan

- III. Requests for Transfer Credit
 - a. COM 103: Oral Communication (Jazzmin Williams, approved)

- IV. Argument Across the Curriculum
 - a. Speaking Center In-Class Workshop on Argumentation
 - i. Plan to have consultants able to provide this in the fall—would send a consultant into the class regarding how to prepare for a debate or how to use argumentation during a discussion session
 - ii. This can be tailored to an assignment and encourage faculty to include more argument-driven assignments.
 - iii. Discussion regarding having a workshop from faculty to faculty, as well, possibly in the form of brown bag events and training resources for faculty
 - b. Gen Ed discussion
 - i. Discussion about considerations for the future of the SI requirement and whether it should be fine-tuned, as it does seem to be serving its purpose

- ii. Discussion regarding how to encourage more argument based assignments in SI or both SI and WI designated courses
- iii. Discussion continued regarding encouraging argumentation across the curriculum or regarding civility/public discourse.
- c. Other changes to the SI requirement?
 - i. Need to continue thinking about ways to reach out to and retain highly apprehensive students

V. Next Meeting – TBD

2017-2018 Speaking Intensive Committee

- 2018 Randall Reif (Assistant, CAS) – Secretary
- 2019 Warren Rochelle (Professor, CAS)
- 2019 Laura Wilson (Assistant, CAS)
- 2020 Elizabeth Johnson-Young (Assistant, CAS)
- 2020 Parrish Waters (Assistant, CAS)
- Anand Rao, Director of Speaking Intensive Program, Committee Chair

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- Anand Rao, Director of the Speaking Center