

Writing Intensive – 1-23-13

Present: Mary Rigsby, Joe Nicholas, Nina Mikhalevsky, Courtney Clayton, Gwen Hale

- Discussed Math proposal from Deb Hydorn
 1. MATH 382
 2. Voted in favor of making it WI

- Courtney will check on procedure for taking approved WI courses to UFC

- Discussed proposal from Anand Rao, requesting that COMM 491 (an independent study) be designated WI for a single student. This prompted a discussion of WI designations for independent study courses generally. Rather than approve future proposals on an individual basis, the committee is inclined to invite departments to submit proposals to designate an independent study option as WI. Departments, then, could have two options for independent study; one WI and one not. As with multiple section courses given blanket WI designation, Department Chairs would be responsible for making sure that faculty sponsors comply with WI expectations for those independent studies with the WI designation. The Committee will explore this idea further at a future meeting.

- COMM 491: discussed WI component of the proposal and if it fits the requirements. We requested that Anand Rao provide further explanation about the assignments. We did so, and Anand Rao responded with further details.

- The committee approved COMM 491 as WI.

- Motion: discussed needing to be specific about definitions of informal and formal writing. Informal writing is writing that usually isn't graded and that is not imposing a particular genre expectation or level of editing that would be expected of a finished product ready to present to a particular audience. Informal writing could be: Reflective writing. Reaction papers. Responses to reading. Blogging. Assignment is not awarded a specific letter grade – doesn't necessarily require a response from a faculty member.

- Our definition for motion: Informal writing is writing that is not graded and is not necessarily read by faculty. Examples include:

reflective papers, response journals, article reviews, peer evaluations, online discussion groups, blogging and other kinds of social media.

- Courtney will revise rationale to include language about informal writing to motion

Meeting adjourned at 5:25pm