

## SI Committee – Report to UFC

November 2013

The SI committee conducted its business electronically during the week of November 11, 2013.

### I. SI Proposals

The SI committee approved the following course for SI designation, effective Summer 2014

- ENGL 206: Global Issues in Literature (Shumona Dasgupta, instructor)

### II. Speaking Center Report

The Speaking Center has had a successful semester so far, with our consultants having worked with 620 students by mid-November. The consultants ran three successful workshops for students, and the Speaking Center is currently running an online scavenger hunt (see the Speaking Center website for more details: <http://academics.umw.edu/speaking/speaking-center/spkc-on-social-media/>).

Students evaluations of their consultations are very positive, and 98% have said they not only would return to the Speaking Center for their next speaking assignment, but they would encourage other students to visit, as well.

The Speaking Center consultants are also planning to offer the following workshops next semester:

- Visual Aids--- January 30<sup>th</sup>. Hosted by Mariah, Alex and Catie
- Speech Anxiety—Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>. Hosted by Danielle and Michael
- Speech Basics—Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>, Hosted by Abbie and Russell
- Persuasive Speaking—Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>. Hosted by Tom and Jerome

### III. Speaking Intensive Program Report

The SI Program is planning to offer the following faculty workshops for next semester. Interested faculty can sign up online at :

Class Discussion – 11am-1pm, Thursday, January 9, 2014. Offered the Thursday before classes start, this workshop will focus on what instructors can do during the first week to establish clear guidelines and models for effective class discussion throughout the semester. Lunch will be provided.

Evaluation Student Presentations – 11:30am-1pm, Monday, February 3, 2014. We will introduce the new SI rubric and discuss strategies for evaluating student

presentations. We will then test out the rubric by watching some sample student presentations and discussing how to evaluate them. Lunch will be provided.

#### IV. SI Rubric for Individual Presentations

We have been working on a standard rubric that instructors can use for evaluating individual student presentations. The rubric is drawn from the categories used by oral communication assessment for the University. The committee is reviewing a revised draft, and anticipates making a final copy available to all faculty by early Spring 2014.

The SI Committee will next meet on January 17, 2014.