

SI Meeting Minutes
25 March 2013

In attendance: Esther Yook, Anand Rao, Liane Houghtalin, Dawn Bowen, Chuck Whipkey

Speaking Center Report: Speaking Center consultants read that UMW is one of few Speaking Centers with no Departmental affiliation. Surveyed faculty re: support for communication skills & education offered at Center. Survey found that overall faculty are satisfied with what services Center offers.

Esther also discussed how workshops being offered at the Center are communicated to students. Most announcements are distributed through faculty as there is no other effective way to get info to students in SI courses.

SI Program Report: Anand will be presenting to SACS re: QEP. He discussed some of the support materials for FSEMs and other SI courses including modules for communication issues, class discussion, presentation, etc. Once approved by SACS, modules will be developed. This is a great opportunities to create resources for WI & SI courses. Anand also reported on current assessment efforts- 10 courses are included in this semester's assessment. Evaluation of current data to be done in June. The SI assessment has changed from many courses evaluated in a short period of time (completed every 5-6 years) to a handful of courses being evaluated every semester with a continual assessment cycle.

Summer Workshops: Anand reported that SI will work with other offices to support Diversity Academy on May 15-16, 2013 – efforts to infuse diversity in the classroom and curriculum. The Academy will include one full-day for everyone, and then a half-day SI/WI workshop with an emphasis on how to put lessons learned into play. Anand also reported that he is making plans to offer workshops in the summer for new faculty.

Course Proposals

PHIL 220: Introduction to Feminism – All Instructor Proposal. Approved by the committee.

Plans for Next Year: Need to discuss how to incorporate new faculty into SI culture. Attend workshops, etc. The committee also discussed developing some on-line component so that all SI instructors have access to content and learn of other opportunities. Anand will explore some of these options over the summer.