



Speaking Intensive Committee February 7, 2022 Regular Meeting

In attendance:

2021-2022 Speaking Intensive Committee

- 2022 Tyler Frankel (Assistant, CAS)
- 2022 Maya Mathur (Professor, CAS)
- 2023 Bridgette Dennett (Assistant, CAS)
- 2023 Jennifer Polack (Professor, CAS)
- 2024 Erin Palmwood (Assistant, CAS)

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS

- Anand Rao, Director of the Speaking Intensive Program – Chair
- Adrienne Brovero, Director of the Speaking Center

I. Requests for Transfer Credit

- a. PSD 3155: Women, War, and Peace – request denied
 - i. Weren't enough SI assignments. Only 2 speaking assignments were present, an additional assignment was missing
- b. TREK 116: Bloody Caddo – approved for Jelani Kennedy
- c. Life experience from military training – approved for Amberleigh Morris
 - i. Interesting situation where the student had training via the military that was deemed sufficient to fulfill this credit.

II. SI Course Proposal Recommendations

- a. EESC 340: Energy Resources and Technology effective Fall 2022 (all instructors – submitted by John Tippet)
 - i. Unanimously approved by committee
- b. ENGL 366A: Modern Poetry – effective Fall 2022 (Mara Scanlon)
 - i. Conditionally approved by committee. A rubric for assessing the Recitation assignment was referenced – this file was requested
- c. HIST 299: Introduction to the Study of History – effective Fall 2022 (all instructors – submitted by Claudine Ferrell)
 - i. Unanimously approved by committee
- d. SPAN 202A: Intermediate Spanish II – effective Fall 2022 (all instructors – submitted by Betsy Lewis)
 - i. Unanimously approved by committee

III. Speaking Center Report

- a. Adrienne is asking for input on ideas for workshops; recent suggestions include topics such as “How to be a good audience member”
- b. She is also looking for ideas for worksheets or handouts to compile for students
- c. Speaking Center is slightly understaffed due to student consultants that are currently studying abroad. As a result, they are looking to recruit new students to train as consultants for Fall 2022.

- d. Workshop attendance has been steady, Speaking Center walk-ins are still a bit slower than they were before the pandemic – likely due to the fact that walk ins weren't encouraged during the 2020-2021 academic year.
- IV. Speaking Center Intensive
- a. Spring faculty workshop
 - i. Initial planning for a spring faculty workshop has been started
 - ii. This would aim to discuss providing general assistance for running SI courses rather than a more specific focus
 - iii. SI related assignments are different now than in a pre-COVID world, so this workshop could help assist in navigating the differences
 - iv. Committee discussed timing of the workshop; whether it would be better to have the workshop before or after Commencement. (No strong consensus was reached)
 - v. Committee discussed various ways that the workshop could address pandemic issues; one idea was to address presentations that are live and in-person, vs live and virtual, vs recorded and the pedagogical differences between them. Another proposed idea was on how to adapt rubrics to address these evolving presentation options.
 - b. Assessment
 - i. Received a report from Debra Schleeef about departments that need assessments completed for 5-year reviews.
 - ii. Will discuss more at our next meeting
- V. Next meeting – March, date TBD
- a. There is no stipulated deadline for additional course proposals. We'll look to meet in late March or early April to begin planning for next year