# MINUTES OF THE WRITING COMPETENCY SUBCOMMITTEE

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Attending: V. Crisco (chair), M. Brady, J. Chen, D. Hart, E. Hughes, K. Machoian, J. Wahleithner

Visiting: T. McNamara

Ex-Officio: X. Fu

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM by chair Crisco in HML room 4150C.

# Agenda Approved, Minutes from 2-17 and 3-03 approved.

# New Business

A. Writing Center and Learning Center Task Force:

1. Chair Crisco and T. McNamara have been attending meetings sponsored by the library to consider how to represent tutoring services on campus. Chair Crisco reported that these meetings have resulted in the Learning Center being willing to give up their writing tutoring but not their budget for writing tutoring. Chair Crisco sought the committee’s feedback on this issue as well as creating a task force to make recommendations, revisions, and plans for transitioning services.

2. The committee stated that they wanted the Writing Center to be a University Writing Center, they wanted tutors to be hired from across campus, they wanted to see a WAC focus so that students feel they are being served for what they need, and they wanted to see the Writing Center serve upper division students.

3. The committee recommended that we make a recommendation for a task to the Provost. The also wanted to see a plan for transitioning tutoring services by the end of Spring semester 2018.

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1. The committee discussed this proposal and provided both positive and constructive feedback. In particular, the committee thought there was a lot of great building of writing, and that the writing assignments were relevant to the discipline.

2. The committee discussed the need for this course to be a capstone course and how that undermined campus efforts to get students to take these courses earlier in their degree. Chair Crisco will follow up with the proposers.

3. The committee also wanted to know how the writing fit into the lab component of the course, they wanted clarification on “writing workshop” as listed in the schedule, and they wanted to see a rubric for evaluating writing.

MSC to adjourn at 4:20 PM

Next Meeting: TBD