11/2/17 WACC minutes

Present: Claire Novosad (chair), Richard Zipoli, Marie McDaniel, Wes O’Brien, Pina Palma, Robert Forbus, Yan Wei, and Elizabeth Kalbfleisch

1. By-laws: We discussed adopting new language for the section “I. Membership in Voting Units and Terms of Appointments” in response the motion approved by UCF on 10/12 (Motion to approve: To petition the Faculty Senate for a revision to the all-university committees list which would, first, dissolve WACC as a stand-alone committee and, second, create a new subcommittee of the University Curriculum Forum to which WACC’s former responsibilities would be assigned.)

The following language was presented as a motion, seconded, and approved: 5:0:1

“I. Membership in Voting Units and Terms of Appointments

A. Membership and election of chair should follow the UCF Bylaws.

B. WACC membership shall be determined by the first UCF meeting of the academic year according to UCF Bylaws.

a. The WACC shall consist of at least one voting member from each of the four schools. The Director of the University Writing Center, and the Composition Coordinator will serve as ex-officio non-voting members.

b. Chair of UCF may use hir discretion in appointing members to WACC.”

While we discussed some of the other by-laws, no other motions were made.

There was a discussion initiated by Marie McDonald, concerning an email from Ilene Crawford, regarding the Writing Assessment Group. We discussed the possibility of having a member join. Liz K. had attended initially and determined that that the focus of the committee was separate from what are doing (the committee in question is attempting to assess writing outcomes for courses students take prior to being engaged in the Writing Intensive program). Marie suggested a rotating member, just to keep in the loop. The general consensus was that while we would like to be informed of this committee’s work, we could not commit to having a WACC member attend these meetings, given the urgency of developing a proposal during this academic year.

The focus of the next meeting will be to discuss our priorities for the upcoming academic year, in particular, the need to develop a proposal to change the Writing Intensive Program. The chair will not be able to attend, but Liz has agreed to facilitate the meeting on 11/16/2017.

Respectfully submitted to the UCF,
Claire Novosad