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Writing Committee Minutes 9.4.2012

Present: Carmela Ferradans; Emily Kelahan; Chris Sweet; M.A. Bushman, Chair; Joel Haefner, ex officio; Linda Kunce; Diego Mendez-Carbajo

Convened: 4:06 p.m.

The meeting opened with a recap of summer events and meetings from M A:
June departmental workshop;
Visit from Prof. Lisa Hinchliffe, UIUC, an information literacy expert;
Visit from Andrew Asher, anthropologist, to work on research project on intersection between student IL and composing processes.

M A. also previewed events planned for the 2012-13 academic year:
Writing by the Numbers workshop by Eric Gaze on Sat., Sept. 22;
a GW workshop in early October;
Library lunches in October, November, February, and March/April;
January symposium with Sandra Jamieson, a leading member of the Citation Project.

Members wanted to know if the January symposium would be pedagogically grounded rather than theoretical.

Linda raised issues of practicality and applicability in workshops for faculty; in particular she asked for guidance on how to be more efficient and effective in evaluating students' written work. Linda and Carmela advocated a workshop on conducting student conferences, and the committee also liked the idea of several lunch meetings ("Lunch with Mr. Bean") which would focus on practical ideas for assessing student writing from John Bean's Engaging Ideas.

There was a brief discussion of the Mellon-funded grants the library and writing program is supporting. The committee felt that course revision grants should include non-Writing Intensive flagged courses, and that the assignment mini-grants should be synchronized with ID grant deadlines--that is, on the 20th of each month.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:14 p.m.

Submitted by: J. Haefner