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Writing Committee Minutes 9.25.2012

Present: K. Schmidt, C. Sweet, E. Kelahan, L. Kunce, C. Ferradans, J. Haefner, M. A. Bushman, D. Mendez-Carbajo

Convened at: 4:05 p.m.

We opened with a brief discussion of the Best Gateway Essay competition. We are very close to selecting a winner and two runners-up.

Mary Ann announced an Oct. 1 non-org on our assessment results, with presentations by departments on the outcomes of their participation in the Writing Program's June 6-7 2012 workshop. Diego indicated Economics would make a brief presentation at this non-org.

Mary Ann also announced an Oct. 9 afternoon workshop for Gateway instructors wherein we will look at one Gateway paper and evaluate it in terms of its use of source material. We plan to begin to draft a qualitative map of those evaluations, introduce the IWU Information Literacy Outcomes statement for first-year students, and also introduce participants to Bizup's BEAM scheme of categorizing sources based on their rhetorical applications.

The committee then began evaluating some seven applications for grant money to revise existing courses or create new courses which integrate information literacy principles and pedagogy in conjunction with substantial student writing. There was corollary discussion about revisions to our CFP and cover sheet for these grants.

Adjourned at 5:07 p.m.