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Minutes Writing Implementation Committee 8.28.2009

Present: Mary Ann Bushman (chair), Linda French, Stephanie Davis-Kahl, Jean Pretz, Carolyn Nadeau, Zahia Drici (as visitor), Joel Haefner (ex.of.)

Meeting convened at 4:05 p.m.

Mary Ann noted that Ted Morris had resigned the committee, and Bob Erlewine was on junior leave this semester, so two positions on the committee are open. There was discussion about whether these positions were appointed or elected and what role CUPP should play in the selection process. Several names were mentioned as good candidates for the WIC. Mary Ann also broached the topic as to whether this committee should be a standing committee. Other functions for the committee which were broached included vetting adjuncts, reviewing WI syllabi, suggesting modifications to the learning objectives statement for WI courses, and how to advance a culture of writing.

Mary Ann reviewed the May assessment event and the August Summer Writing Institute. The committee discussed ideas about how to incorporate writing pedagogy into departmental learning outcomes statements; there was discussion about how to present some of the material from assessment and the Summer Institute at division meetings.

Concerning faculty development events, the committee focused on holding writing seminars for divisions to foster a description of student writing excellence in each department. An assignment clinic and a Gateway norming session were also mentioned.

The committee discussed Gateway as a focus for CC this year. Carolyn, as head of CC, indicated that CC can make suggestions to begin the conversation.

Mary Ann and Joel indicated that a website will be online this fall, and that the committee might also help generate a brochure describing the program.

Mary Ann also announced that the program's consultant, Bill Condon, had indicated that the program should conduct a WPA evaluation before the Mellon grant expires. Such an evaluation includes a self-study and a two-day visit from two WPA officials. Joel suggested that the visit be delayed until fall, allowing time for the self-study during the summer.

Next meeting: Wednesday, September 9, 3:30 p.m., in Ames 214.

Adjourned at 5:02 p.m

Submitted by: Joel Haefner