# MINUTES OF THE WRITING COMPETENCY SUBCOMMITTEE

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Attending: V. Crisco (chair), D. Austin, M. Brady, D. Hart, D. Neff

Missing: None

The meeting was called to order at 2PM by chair Crisco in HML room 4172.

# Announcements:

## GWAR Changes: D. Neff reported that students had to register to meet the GWAR requirement at 115 units. 4 waivers were given in the fall. The goal is to get students to register for the GWAR requirement at 75 units, making the GWAR an upper division writing requirement rather than graduation requirement

# New Business:

## Number of Units for Upper Division Writing Course: A course is being converted in the Sciences to an upper-division writing course. Currently the course is 2 units. The committee discussed if we should have a minimum requirement for the units assigned to upper-division writing.

## Motion: M. Brady recommended that W courses be 3-4 unit courses. D. Austin seconded the motion. The committee approved the motion unanimously.

## The committee then discussed how to support more writing on campus. D. Neff said he can get schools and colleges to be accountable for the writing courses they are teaching or not teaching. There was some discussion of a writing summit to get more interest for supporting writing on campus.

MSC to adjourn at 3PM

Next Meeting: February 20, 2015 in HML 4172