# MINUTES OF THE WRITING COMPETENCY SUBCOMMITTEE

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Attending: V. Crisco (chair), J. Curry, A. Dinscore, L. Herrera, J. Levitt, A. Mine, L. Oka, M. Sosa (student representative)

Ex-Oficio: J. Krichevsky, B. Muscat

Visiting: J. Wahleithner

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by chair Crisco on Zoom.

# Announcements: Write In, a collaboration between the Writing Center and the Library. They will conduct the write in during early December.

# Agenda Approved, Minutes from 05/07/2020 approved.

# Old Business

## GWAR Revision: The committee discussed some information about W courses that we collected from our institutional database. In particular 1) Proportion of grades from 60%-80% for As and Bs. 2) There are no differences in how students do when it comes to race, but, generally women seem to do better. 3) Some colleges only have a 60% pass rate. We also looked through a chart that shows what different CSUs do to meet the GWAR requirement. There are two models: a placement test or test out of the requirement. The committee was thinking it might work for us to have a placement test. The concern was raised that faculty don’t feel ready or trained to teach W courses. It is difficult to see the path of how to marry content and writing. We also have to consider majors, such as engineering, where they are already at unit maximums.

MSC to adjourn at 11:00 PM

Next Meeting: November 13, 2020