# MINUTES OF THE WRITING COMPETENCY SUBCOMMITTEE

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May 1, 2020

Attending: V. Crisco (chair), M. Anagnostopoulos, A. Dinscore, J. Levitt, A. Mine, L. Oka, M. Sosa (student representative), L. Taylor-Hamm

Missing: L. Herrera, B. Muscat

Visiting: J. Wahleithner

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM by chair Crisco on Zoom.

# Agenda Approved, Minutes from 03/10/2020 approved.

# Old Business

## AIS 105W: The committee was very impressed with the revisions made to this proposal and the hard work and level of detail the proposer included in this new revision. The committee had some very minor suggestions for revision. The proposal was approved unanimously.

## English 117W

### Santikian: The committee evaluated this syllabus and found there was not enough information to determine whether it met the W course guidelines. The course does include a writing textbook; it does include 5 different writing assignments. There is writing being taught in the schedule. We do not know the word count for the assignments. There was very little discussion about writing process or feedback on writing to students. And there was no rubric or discussion about how students’ writing would be evaluated. The committee also suggested that the faculty should pay attention to the selection of reading materials to support culturally sustaining teaching practices.

### Nichols: This course syllabus was almost identical to Santikian’s syllabus. The committee evaluated this syllabus and found there was not enough information to determine whether it met the W course guidelines. The course does include 5 different writing assignments. There is a bit of writing being taught in the schedule, but it looks like reading dominates. We do not know the word count for the assignments. There was no writing textbook included. There was very little discussion about writing process or feedback on writing to students. And there was no rubric or discussion about how students’ writing would be evaluated.

MSC to adjourn at 3:00 PM

Next Meeting: May 7, 2020