



Minutes of the meeting of the WID/WAC Committee, Wednesday, April 26, 2017 in room H-125/126 Conference Room. The meeting began at 12:30pm.

Present: C. Julian Jiménez (committee Chairperson), Glenn Burdi, Liz DiGiorgio, Daniel Garbin, Marvin Gayle, Shenaz Georgilis, Jeff Jankowski, James Nichols, Areti Tsimounis (committee Secretary), Kathleen Wentrack.

1. Welcome

Julian Jiménez introduced himself as the Chairperson of the WID/WAC Committee and welcomed everyone. Copies of the meeting's agenda were distributed.

2. Approval of minutes

The minutes from the Committee's meeting on May 23, 2016 have not been found despite Julian Jiménez's attempts to recover them. The Committee was presented with an e-mail correspondence with Bjorn Berkhout, who was the Committee's previous Chairperson. Bjorn confirmed that the meeting had occurred and he also had no knowledge of the whereabouts of the minutes. He also confirmed the results of the committee's vote of Julian Jiménez as the new Chairperson. There was no list of WID/WAC courses to be voted on at the time.

The minutes of the Committee's meeting on October 19, 2016 were approved with the note that the date would be corrected, as the meeting date was incorrectly listed as 'October 19, 2013'. Areti Tsimounis will correct the date and submit the updated document to Julian Jiménez.

3. Report on progress of WI professors teaching WI courses

Jeff Jankowski (WI Coordinator) reported that the departmental Chairpersons have been responsive to the Committee's input and that 100% of the adjunct faculty members teaching WI courses have been trained. In addition, thus far during the current academic year there have been no requests for new WI approvals or waivers, indicating that the program is working well.

4. Vote on WI waiver for Oluwatimulehin Oyebola

Julian Jiménez read to the Committee a letter from the Chair of the Business Department about a confusion regarding the WI designation of a section of BU-301. Section H1 of the course was incorrectly listed during registration as WI. The student registered in the particular section thinking that it would fulfill WI requirements. When professor Francis, who is teaching the course, became aware of this misunderstanding he assigned WI coursework to the particular student. A motion was made that the student not be given WI credit and be given a WI waiver. The motion was approved by the Committee with a show of hands.

5. Solidify Committee meeting dates and times for the following semester



Julian Jiménez suggested that the Committee schedule a meeting in the beginning of the Fall semester and a second meeting towards the end of the Spring semester, with the understanding that it would meet in between as needed. He also noted that the meeting that had been scheduled for last March was canceled since the new members had not been announced yet. The dates for the two upcoming meeting have been scheduled for October 18, 2017 and April 18, 2018 at 12:30pm in the H125/126 conference room.

6. New Business

Election of Committee Chairperson and Secretary for the upcoming academic year. Julian Jiménez was nominated as Chairperson. Voting was conducted by secret ballot of the eligible members. The results were 7 votes/ unanimous. Areti Tsimounis was voted as Secretary unanimously by show of hands. Thus, Julian Jiménez is the Committee's Chairperson and Areti Tsimounis is the Committee's Secretary for the 2017-18 academic year.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Areti Tsimounis