

Minutes of April 9, 2008

WID/WAC Committee, Queensborough Community College Academic Senate

In Attendance:

Jeffrey Jankowski, Chair,

Margot Small, Secretary,

Linda Stanley, Co-Director, QCC WI Program,

Michelle Cuomo, Administration Liaison,

Peter Grey,

Sandra Marcus,

Julian Stark

The meeting began at 3PM and ended at 5PM.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Requests for student waivers were reviewed and the following waivers were granted:

Jessica Rodriguez

Joseph Nathan

Wahida Khatun

Dmitriy Khaimov

Richard Hom

Danny Lao

Dilande Roger

Tara Coyne

Charles Shim

Yageswar Ramdial

Brenda S. Leong

Jong Min Park

Guillermo Rios

The following student waivers required additional information and were not granted:

Natasha N. Perez

Ai Ai Lin

Shivami Bhog

Alexander Oh

Chaitali Parikh

Arthur Steers

Derek Chin.

Linda Stanley presented the list of WI classes for Fall 2007. Since this list did not include the WI classes in the physics department, she emailed the committee with the revised list.

A discussion was held on increasing the available WI sections. Concern was expressed that not all faculty trained to teach WI courses are doing so. Julian Stark suggested that if some sections of a course are WI, it should be required that all sections be WI. He also suggested requesting that a certain percent of sections in each department be WI. Jeff Jankowski noted that the number of WI sections that are WI in a given department is up to the chairperson of that department. It is doubtful that the chairs would accept further demands on the number of WI sections. Peter Grey mentioned that the academic academies may choose to increase the WI sections, however nothing has been done yet. Linda Stanley pointed out that Cornerstone courses would not be good candidates for WI because most of the courses are remedial. She also said that while Capstone courses could be WI, the number of students attending these courses is limited to majors in the given department.

Jeff Jankowski noted that the Business Department is considering proposing a new course, Business Writing that will be WI in all sections. This course is being initiated because the department believes students need more training in business writing. Peter Grey requested that the Business Dept. write a proposal to the QCC WI Program about this new course. He noted that this course alone should not fulfill the WI requirement. All students will still need to take two WI courses.

Michele Cuomo noted that the issue of students being unaware of their failure to meet the WI requirement through a lack of information will continue to some extent in the Fall. While Academic Advisement makes a point of telling students about the WI requirement, the current on-line SIMS student record does not tally WI courses. The change to the system will take at least a year to implement. Changes to the catalog and Academic Advisement materials to highlight the WI requirement are planned but have not been implemented.