# MINUTES OF THE WRITING COMPETENCY SUBCOMMITTEE

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Members Present: V. Crisco (Chair), R. Hansen, D. Hart, E. Hughes

Visitor: Mara Brady

The meeting was called to order at 2PM by Chair Crisco in Library Room 4172.

1. Minutes. MSC to approve the Minutes of 4/26/12.
2. Agenda. MSC to approve the Agenda as distributed.
3. Communications and Announcements
4. New Business
   1. Discussion of New W Course Proposal: Chem 161W.
      1. There were several positive comments about the syllabus: This course is a good addition to the college; students are asked to create multiple drafts of writing; and this course is asking students to be chemists.
      2. The committee had several questions about the syllabus: how long are the writing assignments? Can we see some writing prompts? How are students expected to review (the editing assignments)? What assumptions drive evaluation?
      3. The committee would like to see
         1. An additional textbook that focuses on the teaching of writing, rather than just conventions and style.
         2. More focus in the outcomes for the course and in the catalog description on academic literacy, not just academic conventions.
      4. As there were still some questions the committee had that could not be answered by the syllabus alone, Chair Crisco will meet with the author of this proposal to discuss those questions and provide additional feedback if necessary.

MSC to adjourn at 3:00pm

Next meeting: Thursday, November 8th from 12-1 in HML