# MINUTES OF THE WRITING COMPETENCY SUBCOMMITTEE

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# Zoom:<https://fresnostate.zoom.us/j/2984108197>

# Attending: Juliet Wahleithner (chair), Jenny Krichevsky, María Dolores Morillo, Kate Kafonek, Sarah McDaniel, Jacquelin Curry, Lalita Oka

# Missing: Aric Mine

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# Agenda:

# Welcome

# [Approval of minutes from May 5, 2022](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1_-iCuSapPby29qUJ8ZHOTOd0tjeAQIUbduh61333nmA/edit?usp=sharing)

* + - Moved: Jenny Krichevsky
    - Second: María Dolores
  + Approval of Agenda
    - Moved: Jacqui Curry
    - Second: Sarah McDaniel

# Introductions

* Updates from WAC Coordinator, Jenny Krichevsky
  + Held three week-long summer retreats for faculty
    - one in June; two in August
    - goals were to get people interested in/begin to develop W-course syllabi
      * at least three in works–astronomy, gender and women’s studies, biology; plus more in works
  + Faculty Learning Community funded through GI2025 grant
    - Goal to generate more W-courses
    - Two participants working on syllabi/proposals
* Review of *Proposed* [Committee Charge](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-aL3uBpbXql-COgr1mOLDCgZIlUjrc_D/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=111980110652304052473&rtpof=true&sd=true) & [W-Course Requirements](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-R1RtTdZqvbrS7Gr9qW5SiI8F46TQ8RH/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=111980110652304052473&rtpof=true&sd=true)
  + Concerns about how to add W-course to engineering–and other high-unit majors–to course requirements
    - Possibility: break 3-unit requirement into multiple 1-unit additions to existing requirements
    - Several engineering faculty were in Summer STEM WAC retreat
    - Faculty resistance: lack of confidence in teaching writing (many are not native English speakers); sustainability of courses
    - How might the W-committee support these efforts?
      * Further develop bank of resources–sample syllabi, etc.--for faculty
        + reach out to faculty at other universities who teach STEM W courses
        + Prepare list of currently existing W courses in STEM departments - At Fresno State

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* Review of Spring 2022 Committee Initiatives

# [Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement](https://calstate.policystat.com/policy/11516578/latest) Letter of Support

* [Fresno State’s Letter of Support](https://docs.google.com/document/d/15KeuKwSsIA985b8X5n4rMM4uNo439ksa/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=111980110652304052473&rtpof=true&sd=true)
  + [Draft Committee Statement Against Use of Turnitin](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1hbBDxRm5Ifcln7DeW--Pij_kDLcIzE-RHOXE-_mU62I/edit?usp=sharing), written by Amanda Dinscore
    - Possible Next Steps:
      * Reach out to faculty who teach W courses for list of best practices in
        + supporting students to not plagiarize
        + using Turnitin effectively
    - Jacqui: People within Business who are in favor of using Turnitin as a tool to support instruction
    - Next Steps:
      * Create a list of guidelines for using Turnitin critically–as a formative assessment tool to inform instruction rather than as a summative assessment
      * Create suggested language to include on syllabi for faculty who intend to use Turnitin
      * Revise Statement to
        + List concerns with Turnitin
        + Provide suggestions for how to use Turnitin as a formative assessment tool
        + Suggest language for syllabi
* Goals for 2022-2023
  + Develop bank of resources for faculty across disciplines who are developing W courses and who are currently teaching W courses
    - Action: Reach out to faculty at other institutions for syllabi and resources, primarily from STEM writing courses
  + Assess existing W-course syllabi
    - Action: Solicit departments for W-course syllabi
  + Create Statement about use of Turnitin
    - Action: Review current statement and make suggestions

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* Announcements
* Adjourned at: 12:00 pm

# Next Meeting: October 14, 11-12