Writing Across the Curriculum: Meeting minutes

Wednesday 1.00pm, February 15, 2012: Dean's Conference room, College of HSHS

Members present:, Jessica Naber, Sharon Gill, Lara Homsey, Debbie Owens, Kelly Kleinhans, Gina Claywell, Joy Roach, , Caitlyn Bagley, Kala Chakradhar,

Not present: Kimberly Bellah, ZB Smetana

Handouts distributed/emailed:

Meeting minutes of January 25, 2012 meeting
Agenda

1. Approval of minutes of last meeting; Debbie Owens requested clarification on survey discussion.

2. **Faculty development programs/plans for March/April**: Lara Homsey expressed, her team presentation will have to be in April if there is none other planned then. Kala Chakradhar has contacted Misty Evans who was willing to present on her experience with student writing, remedial and strategies used. Gina Claywell suggested asking Cindy Clemson to share her experience with students with special needs/ specific disability.

3. **WAC website inputs/ resources/ feedback**: Caitlyn Bagley projected the WAC website and gave a virtual tour of the uploads so far. Members appreciated her work and the content. Lara Homsey's subcommittee is working on adding resources; Debbie Owens will also add. Members will check their respective college uploads for errors in links etc. and send additional resources as available to Caitlyn Bagley. Plan is to publish website by mid-March. Joy Roach offered to help with the Google analytics account. Will be sending link to the QEP committee for review/feedback

4. **Updates from members**
   -College level committees: HSHS: Kelly Kleinhans: The Writing Grand Rounds session went well and future meetings are being planned; SET: Lara Homsey reported a couple of interested and resourceful members; COE: Sharon Gill mentioned a college level survey on student writing; challenges in initiating interest were mentioned
   -Newsletter inputs: Gina Claywell will prepare this month's tip possibly based off of her and Lara Homsey's presentation for Meave Mc Carthy's class(Bio/math); appreciate their taking the time and effort to do this.
   Jessica Naber brought up limited awareness about the Racer writing center and a possible presentation/ newsletter item; requested Jessica to follow up with Jeff Osborne
5. **Faculty survey update**: The survey report in 4 sections (work by Lara, Debbie, Joy and Kala) is being edited and a consolidated report should be available by end of week of

Feb. 20 for committee to review. It is still a work in progress with feedback invited from committee when the report is made available.

6. **Other : Next steps/plans suggested:**
    a. Definition of and clarity on Writing intensive courses: Kala Chakradhar had shared some resources with Lara Homsey and Joy Roach on their request and will forward the same to the rest of the committee for review and discussion/ work
    b. Ambassadors speaking in classes/ resource development: Sharon Gill expressed that WAC ambassadors presenting may not necessarily be possible and may not have the expertise; need to consider tapping available faculty resources/expertise; direct faculty to resources/ website etc; Lara Homsey mentioned developing a writing guide/resource that SET faculty could use

Next meeting: Wednesday, March 14: 1.10pm, Dean's Conference Room, College of HSHS