

IWC recommendations to Academic Senate for changes in Institute Writing Policy (D.16)

I. Recommendation: Committee Membership

Current Policy

“The Institute Writing Committee shall be a standing committee of the Academic Senate and will serve to implement this policy and evaluate courses for the determination of meeting the WI designation. The membership of the IWC shall include: a college faculty representative from each college to be elected by his or her collegial faculty; one representative elected at large by the Academic Senate; the Writing Program director; one representative from the Academic Support Center, and the English Language Center; and the provost or his or her delegate (ex-officio, voting). Representatives will serve staggered three-year terms with the possibility of reappointment. The committee will report annually to the provost and the Academic Senate on its work.”

Proposed Revision

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II. Recommendation: FYW as Prerequisite for Program-WI

Current Policy

“Students should complete Writing Seminar or other so-designated WI course by the end of their first year. Students should take one WI course in general education by the end of their third year. The WI course in the first year, in general education, and in the program must be passed before students receive the degree. Students should be able to complete WI requirements within the existing graduation requirements.”

Proposed Revision

“Students should complete ~~Writing Seminar~~ First Year Writing (Writing Seminar or other so-designated WI course] by the end of their first year. Students should take one WI course in general education by the end of their third year. Students must pass a First Year Writing course before enrolling in a Program-WI course. Students should be able to complete WI requirements within the existing graduation requirements.”