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Steering Committee Meeting  
November 21, 2013

Present: Tammy Berberi, Dave Swenson, Sheri Breen, Matt Senger, Janet Ericksen,  
Jacquie Johnson, Jennifer Zych Hermann

**Continued discussion of WLA**

Tammy reported that she may have a solution that could be presented at the December 2 Campus Assembly meeting. The Steering Committee will propose that a task force be created that would include representatives from three governance committees—Steering, Curriculum, and Scholastic, and will be conveyed by Bart Finzel, Dean of Academic Affairs. Ideally the representatives from each committee would be new players who aren't deeply imbedded in the debate of the problem. The task force's charge will be to decide how to handle pending petitions and to address the issue that there is a conflict between what assembly voted on and what the Scholastic Committee has been doing.

Jacquie added that the Scholastic Committee is bound by the will of the assembly and the will of the assembly is perfectly clear—the intention is that this is a course for which there would be few exceptions. There's enough blame to go around and we need to keep our institutional integrity. We need a communication plan that is clear. Additionally, we should frame the charge in a positive way and assume that people will act in good faith. The language and charge should be very clear and recognize that WLA was intended to be a course that every student should take.

Tammy agreed to draft a memo and will share with the Steering Committee members. The invitation to serve on the task force will come from both Tammy and Jacquie in their respective roles of the Steering Committee.