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**Scholastic Committee
2013-14 Academic Year
October 2, 2013
Meeting Four Minutes approved**

1. September 25 minutes approved

2. Chair's Report

The Chair will give a brief Scholastic Committee (SC) report at Campus Assembly this afternoon. Chrissy Kolaya will not be Jess Larson's SC replacement next spring. We await an update from Membership Committee. P and A lecturers and instructors with 60-percent or more appointments are faculty on Campus Assembly. The Scholastic Committee will meet at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesdays throughout fall 2013 semester.

3. SCEP Report

McPhee will attend the SCEP meeting on the Twin Cities campus today.

4. Writing for the Liberal Arts general education requirement next step

The Chair began a discussion on the new Writing for the Liberal Arts (WLA) general education requirement implemented this fall by reviewing the general process of transfer evaluation. She then outlined via PowerPoint how composition courses from other colleges are being evaluated for ENGL 1601 and WLA in a different order by request of Dean Finzel. The writing coordinator has been charged by the Dean and the English Discipline to review transfer courses as possible substitutions for ENGL 1601 before the courses are evaluated for WLA by the transfer coordinator, on behalf of the SC. To date, composition courses from two colleges have been identified by the writing coordinator as substitutions for ENGL 1601 and therefore fulfill the WLA. Also, composition courses from two colleges have been evaluated as not satisfying ENGL 1601 criteria, but they need to be evaluated for WLA. The committee considered the students who have submitted syllabi for review as substitutions for ENGL 1601 but may not receive the evaluation before fall adviser sessions begin. The SC considered students with transfer composition courses that have not been evaluated for WLA as adviser sessions begin. Incoming students for fall 2013 received different messages about WLA and ENGL 1601 that varied from "you must take the course" to "bring your syllabus evaluation" to "wait until this fall." Very few students have contacted the transfer evaluation coordinator about syllabi for review for ENGL 1601. The group also discussed the English Discipline's goals and objectives for WLA and ENGL 1601, and Campus Assembly's understanding of the requirement/course.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to contact the Dean via the Chair to express the pros and cons the SC identified regarding the current evaluation system for English 1601 and WLA. The Chair will report on her discussion with the Dean at the October 9 meeting, and the SC will identify the next step for transfer evaluation of composition courses.

5. Summer Appeals Recap and IB tally

The committee briefly reviewed the Summer Appeals Recap and fall 2013 International Baccalaureate tally. The documents will be sent to members for further review before the October 9 meeting.

6. Leave of Absence and Readmission policy final discussion tabled

Respectfully submitted,

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