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
“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; and five ex
officio members: the University Writing Program director (voting); the First-Year Writing Program
director (voting); the Writing Center director (non-voting); the English Language Center director (or his
or her delegate, non-voting); and the Academic Support Center director (or his or her delegate, non-
voting) and the provost or his or her delegate (ex-officio, voting). Faculty 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.”

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.”