To: Candice Bauer

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Subject: SLO #5 – Functioning in a Multi-Disciplinary Team

Willis, the web developer at the University Writing Center, was assigned the task of creating a website to give information on the first “Human Library” event the Writing Center will hold in January. The Human Library is an organization that provides other organizations with a framework for conversations which are aimed to challenge stereotypes and prejudices through dialogue.

A requirement of this project was that he would be working with other student-workers in designing the sign-up form and overall design of the page. This requirement was made to ensure that Willis himself was experiencing different perspectives of potential “Books” in creating the interface. Each book is really a person, and they will be the ones that people will sign up to communicate with. The diversity Willis experienced in getting input and help from coworkers was more based on the different disciplines they brought to the table. Willis was given a deadline of September 20th, but he set a buffer deadline of September 13th since that would be the last opportunity he had to receive feedback from the team. Willis’ coworkers at the writing center ranged from journalism to psychology, art, and structural engineering majors.

Each­­­­ discipline contributed something unique to the project. The art major provided graphics she drew, the journalism major helped with the wording on the front page to make the event sound appealing to the widest range of people possible, and the two engineers including Willis designed the structure of the website. Each meeting was held in a meeting room at the Writing Center and notes were written on the whiteboard. Willis would take pictures of the notes after each session. Notes were then transferred to an online task tracking application called Asana. These notes were shared with the team’s superiors. On September 20th the project was presented to the Administrative Assistant at the Writing Center, Annette Cooper. She gave constructive feedback and gave approval to make the website available to the public.