



Writing Program Committee Year-end Report Academic Year 2019-2020

Below is a summary of the Writing Program Committee's activities for the 2019-2020 academic year.

FYS proposals

WPC received and approved 40 FYS proposals for the 2020-2021 academic year. Committee members reviewed new applications and made recommendations to faculty to revise or clarify elements of the proposal.

W proposals

WPC reviewed and approved 6 new W proposals for the fall and spring semesters. If there were any questions or suggested revisions to a particular proposal, members of the committee would consult with the instructor to revise the proposal.

Mellon Grant

WPC was responsible for administering a portion of the Mellon Grant: *Practicing the Liberal Arts Developing and Applying Scholarly Skills* to help faculty develop their writing pedagogy. WPC oversaw two areas of the grant: Interdisciplinary Pedagogical Research Pairs and funding for faculty conferences related to writing instruction. WPC received and approved 8 proposals for faculty members to work in ethnographic pairs. The committee also received and approved 19 proposals for faculty conferences.

Special Ws

WPC received two and approved one special W request.

Search for new Director of Writing Program

Two members of WPC served on the search committee and three candidates addressed the committee on campus. Unfortunately, the one candidate who received an offer turned it down. We are hopeful that the administration will agree to another search in the coming year.

Additional activities

- Assisted in search for future Writing Program director
- Compiled list of past and present W courses
- Explored future plans for assessing the Writing Program
- Reviewed and clarified faculty teaching cycles for honors seminars

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