

2016-2017

Writing Across the Curriculum Committee Report

Chair: Gregory Robinson (Chair, CVPA – 2017)

Committee Members: Stanley Zoltek (COS – 2018), Kamaljeet Sanghera (VSE – 2018), Douglas Irvin-Erickson (S-CAR – 2018), Misty Krell (CHSS – 2018), David Gallay (B-School – 2017), Margaret Miklancie (CHHS – 2017), Kristien Zenkov (CEHD – 2017)

Consultants to the Committee: Charlene Douglas (CHHS – 2016); Julie Stoll (INTO Mason Language Specialist); Peggy Brouse (Systems Engineering); Peter Farrell (VSE); Susan Lawrence (Director, Writing Center); Karyn Mallet (INTO Mason); Larry Rockwood (Biology); Lorelei Crerar (Biology); Jacquelyn Brown (B-School); Ellen Rodgers (CEHD); Sarah Baker (English – NVWP); Jen Stevens (University Libraries); Bethany Usher (Center for Teaching Excellence, OSCAR); Laura Lukes (Center for Teaching Excellence); Jessie Matthews (Composition)

WAC Program:

Director: Michelle LaFrance

Assistant Director: Tom Polk

WAC Program Graduate Research Assistants: Judy Hu and Clare Moore

WAC Undergraduate Program Assistants: Alexander O’Leary and Summer Claveau

The committee has met 5 times (to date) during the 2016-2017 academic year. The committee’s charge includes: advising the director of Writing Across the Curriculum, approval of new writing-intensive (WI) courses, regular review of WI course syllabi, and assisting with activities and events related to Writing Across the Curriculum.

2016-2017 Committee Actions:

- Approved new WI Courses: RHBS 499, ME 444, and GCH 411
- Reviewed research findings from ongoing WAC program review on the use of technology and the types of writing and reading assigned in writing intensive courses
- Discussed plans for celebrating the National Day on Writing in October 2017

WAC Program Director Activities (Discussed w/ WAC Committee Members):

- Collaborated with CTFE to host Faculty Retreats in January and May
- Continued RE/View project by producing a series of reports on the kinds of readings and writing assigned in writing intensive courses
- Collaborated with cross-campus partners to plan for the National Day on Writing celebration in October 2017

- Developed the *Writer's of Mason* profile series to highlight the variety of writing that happens on campus
- Revised WAC Committee Guide for committee members
- Continued the WAC program social media presence by maintaining a Facebook page and Twitter feed.

Other:

- For the 15th year in a row, Mason's WAC program made the *U.S. News* "Best Colleges 2016" list of highly ranked colleges for Writing in the Disciplines (WID).

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