2017-2018
Writing Across the Curriculum Committee Report

Chair: Stanley Zoltek (Chair, COS – 2019)


Consultants to the Committee: Peggy Brouse (Systems Engineering); Susan Lawrence (Director, Writing Center); Karyn Mallet (INTO Mason); Larry Rockwood (Biology); Lorelei Crerar (Biology); Ellen Rodgers (CEHD); Sarah Baker (English – NVWP); Jen Stevens (University Libraries); Bethany Usher (Undergraduate Education); Laura Lukes (Stearns Center); Jessie Matthews (Composition)

WAC Program:
Director: Michelle LaFrance
Assistant Director: Thomas Polk

The Committee has met 3 times (to date) during the 2017-2018 academic year; an additional meeting is scheduled for April. 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.

2017-2018 Committee Actions:
- Approved new WI Courses: ARAB 331 and NUTR 326
  - To be reviewed in final meeting: AVT 396 and COS 300
- Reviewed WI course assessment plan from Office of Undergraduate Education
- Consulted on celebration for the National Day on Writing in October 2017

WAC Program Activities (Discussed w/ WAC Committee Members):
- Collaborated with Stearns Center to host Faculty Writing Retreats in January and May (upcoming); also facilitated weekly Faculty Write-Ins in fall and spring semesters
- Collaborated with Office of Undergraduate Education on WI course assessment
- Facilitated a Faculty Learning Community on teaching writing in the disciplines
- Began a new phase of the RE/View project focusing on assignment design; currently collecting data
- Produced report on the teaching collaborations between WI faculty and subject librarians
• Collaborated with cross-campus partners to celebrate the National Day on Writing in October 2017
• Continued the *Writer’s of Mason* profile series to highlight the variety of writing that happens on campus
• Continued progress on the program’s faculty development blog, *The Writing Campus*, with recurring posts about teaching writing and program news
• Continued the WAC program social media presence by maintaining a Facebook page and Twitter feed

**Other:**

• For the 16th year in a row, Mason’s WAC program made the *U.S. News* “Best Colleges 2017” list of highly ranked colleges for Writing in the Disciplines (WID).

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