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UNIVERSITY WRITING COMMITTEE  
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**Genevieve Chandler, *ex officio***  
**Amber Engelson**  
**David Fleming, *ex officio***  
**Haivan Hoang**  
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**Elizabeth Jakob**  
**Ernest May, *ex officio***  
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**Elizabeth Porto**

The University Writing Committee, in the 2007-2008 academic year, focused primarily on the Junior Year Writing Program Review, undertaken every five years. The results of this Review were filed with the Faculty Senate as a separate document.

Four members joined the committee this year: Emily Alling, Steven Brewer, Amber Engelson (graduate student representative), and Judith Holmes. The following returning committee members continued to serve on the UWC: Ryan Brundage (undergraduate representative), Stephen Gencarella, Haivan Hoang, Ingrid Holm, Elizabeth Jakob, Matt Ouellett, and Elizabeth Porto. David Fleming, Director of the Writing Program, and Genevieve Chandler, Coordinator of the Junior Year Writing Program, served *ex officio*.

The committee held nine meetings. In the fall semester, the main business of the UWC was collection of data for the JYWP Review. This included a questionnaire sent to all programs, and analysis of the data in UWC meetings. It also included interviews with specific programs, conducted by all members of the UWC except the undergraduate and graduate student representatives, with data analyzed in UWC meetings. These interviews continued into the spring semester.

In the spring semester, the UWC also began the process of writing the Review. It also held a summit of all JYWP departmental directors on April 25<sup>th</sup> in order to inform them of the process and to provide information on resources available to them. This process provided: (1) completion of the initial draft of the Review (which included information gathered at the April summit) in May, 2008; (2) an edited draft of the Review to be sent to departmental programs in Fall 2008 for commentary and for corrections, prior to filing of the Review with the Faculty Senate.

Several members of the UWC participated in the annual Celebration of Writing, held in May, 2008. The UWC met with Carol Gould of Career Services in order to foster improved communication between departmental JYWP programs and that office, such as resources for writing resumes and other professional development for students. Finally, the UWC discussed on several occasions the importance of analysis and attention to graduate student writing needs, and recommend that such be addressed by the UWC in the near future.

The UWC's primary charge for the next academic year is to promote the recommendations of the JYWP Review. Ryan Brundage, Haivan Hoang, and Elizabeth Jakob will have completed their service on the committee, and the UWC will recruit a new undergraduate representative and two faculty members to replace them.