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UNIVERSITY WRITING COMMITTEE

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COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

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The principal work of the committee for the academic year 2013-2014 was to continue working with the Center for Educational Software Development (CESD) on designing and testing the online system launch of the Junior Year Writing quinquennial review. The UWC launched the new quinquennial reviews of JYW courses via the online Course and Curriculum Management System and also offered faculty workshops on writing pedagogy.

Associate Director of JYW, Judith Holmes, successfully worked with the CESD and the UWC to begin the process of collecting and reviewing syllabi and to create a schedule to complete the quinquennial (QQ) review for all Junior Year Writing courses. In the spring semester of 2014, the UWC launched its QQ Review process with select departments and approved the following courses:

• College of Natural Sciences 397A
• Psychology 392
• Education 370
• Engineering 351

We approved the following new course:

• Linguistics 397G: Syntax of Dialects of English

In addition to these JYW course reviews, the Committee presented the following faculty workshops:

• Giving Effective Feedback on Student Writing
  February 21, 2014, Teaching Commons, W.E.B. Du Bois Library

• Designing & Sequencing Writing Assignments
  April 11, 2014, Teaching Commons, W.E.B. Du Bois Library

The Committee held eight meetings in 2013-2014, with an extra meeting in May. Several members shifted roles within the Committee at the end of the year: Judith Holmes stepped down as Associate Director of Junior Year Writing at the end of spring 2014, and Deborah McCutchen, became Associate Director, starting fall 2014. The following Committee members continued to serve on the UWC: Haivan Hoang, Director of the Writing Program, ex officio, David Bartone, (UWW), Alex Phillips (CHC), Betsy McEneaney (Teacher Education & Curriculum Studies), Katherine Freedman (Library), Susan Ware (CHC), Rebecca Lorimer Leonard (English), Matt Ferrari (Graduate Student Representative), Travis Grandy (Graduate Student Representative) and Reagan Eckler (Undergraduate Student Representative).

The Committee’s primary task for the next academic year will be implementing the Junior Year Writing syllabi online quinquennial review process.