

**Senate Report for the WAC Ad Hoc Committee
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I. Statement of purpose

**Ad Hoc Committee for Writing across the Curriculum at CCSU
Statement of Purpose**

Writing is a vital mode of communication that is important for students' critical thinking, academic performance, careers, civic engagement, and personal satisfaction. Improvement of writing depends on repeated practice, feedback, and revision in courses throughout a student's college career. Students need to know that writing is important in every profession, and writing instruction needs to have a significant role in every major. The teaching of writing is the purview of all faculty and should be required at all levels and in all disciplines. Therefore, the purpose of the Ad Hoc Committee for Writing Across the Curriculum at CCSU is to promote the incorporation of writing in teaching of all subjects at this university.

To that end, this committee will

work with the Ad Hoc Committee for General Education at CCSU, the Curriculum Committee, the Faculty Senate, the Deans, and the Provost to make writing instruction a required part of the curriculum;

establish an ongoing database to monitor progress in writing instruction across campus;

explore and enhance the connections between English 110 and the university's broader writing instruction goals;

support faculty with training workshops and ongoing resources in order to assist them in incorporating more writing into their courses;

advocate for resources, including smaller class sizes, appropriate faculty appointments, and other financial support to incorporate writing into the curriculum;

facilitate the creation of a position of Director of Writing Across the Curriculum to coordinate curricular initiatives and to support faculty with training and resources; and

provide the framework for a permanent faculty committee on writing across the curriculum practice and policy at CCSU.

II. Subcommittees

a. Grant writing: Cathy Baratta (Chair)

b. Curriculum: David Spector (Chair)

We ask the Ad Hoc Committee on General Education for permission to work with them as they modify the General Education requirements. We have several ideas for incorporating writing into the new curriculum, and we look forward to a productive collaboration.

c. Research: Heather Urbanski (Chair)

Major accomplishment: Survey of faculty regarding the amount of writing they require in their courses.

d. Professional Development: Mary Collins (Chair)

Major accomplishments:

1. Co-Sponsorship with Academic Affairs of a Writing within the Disciplines workshop

2. Receipt of a Curriculum Development Grant for the summer of 2011.

Information will be distributed at the meeting and via the CCSU list-serve.

III. Establishment of a website

We do have a website, although we are in the process of building it.