

Writing Center Accomplishments, 2012-2013

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Strategic Goal 1: Create and maintain sustainable physical and virtual environments

- Revised website with strategy instruction as main goal
- Expanded teaching role in online environment, delivering consultations and workshops through Skype/Blackboard Collaborate
- Initiated improved lighting and technology in the physical Writing Center

Strategic Goal 2: Plan for curricular and co-curricular instruction

- Piloted several models of course-embedded, holistic support for writing, reading, and researching, including offering “Getting Started Writing and Researching” class sessions; collaboratively responding to individuals and whole classes concerning both writing and researching; hosting writing studio class sessions supported by writing assistants and librarians.
- Educated and deployed a subset of peer writing assistants known as RWAs (Research/Writing Assistants), embedded RWAs in two courses, currently facilitating weekly lab groups for LIBR 201
- Integrated Writing Center Assistants into new Commons space
- Initiated a “Writing Partner Program” for students desiring sequenced, ongoing literacy growth and instruction
- Added Assistant Director position to support program core while adding new initiatives

Strategic Goal 3: Promote scholarly communication

- Initiated and mentored four undergraduate research projects, including one focused on drafting a proposal to use Writing Center undergrad scholarship as a pilot for digital preservation

Strategic Goal 4: Data-driven decision making regarding user needs and services

- Leading an interdisciplinary team of graduate students in conducting a campus-wide needs assessment of graduate students; will culminate in a services proposal to upper administration, June 2013

Strategic Goal 5: Expand and strengthen partnerships and collaborations

- Collaborated with Learning Commons’ partners in several instructional pilots (see Goal 2)
- With writing centers at Everett Community College and Central Washington University, collaboratively proposed joint staffing at University Center (pending)