Faculty Writing Institute

Wednesday, September 28, 2011, 10am-4pm
York Room, Birch Mansion

The Faculty Writing Institute is a series of workshops designed to help faculty improve student writing on campus, better integrate writing assignments into coursework and syllabi, and enhance teaching and evaluation strategies for writing. The workshops will provide faculty members with immediately applicable ideas and approaches for successful writing experiences in any course. Faculty members are encouraged to attend some or all of the workshops offered during the Institute. Workshops will be offered by teams of faculty and staff with a range of writing experiences.

Schedule

10-11 am: Writing Roundtable
(Led by Lysandra Perez-Strumolo, Michael Bitz, Priscilla Tovey, and Ramon Reyes)
An open discussion of ideas, issues, needs, and concerns related to the teaching of writing. Items discussed at the roundtable will be addressed in workshops throughout the rest of the Institute.

11-12 pm: Creating Effective Writing Assignments
(Led by Ed Shannon and Michael Bitz)
How to plan, prepare, and implement writing assignments that simultaneously enhance course content and student writing skills. Examples of quality writing assignments will be provided.

1-2 pm: Responding to Student Writing and Providing Effective Feedback
(Led by Julie Norflus-Good and Anne DeGroot)
Methods and strategies to improve student writing over the course of a semester through targeted feedback, response mechanisms, and grading efficiency. Also, what to do when students exhibit extremely poor writing skills.

2-3 pm: Best Practices for Writing Intensive Courses
(Led by James Hoch and experienced WI instructors)
Writing Intensive courses put writing at the core of a course curriculum. Led by experienced WI instructors, this workshop explores tools, strategies, and methods that make for a highly successful Writing Intensive experience.

3-4 pm: Writing Resources for Faculty (and Reception!!)
(Led by Priscilla Tovey, Ramon Reyes, Christina Connor, Lysandra Perez-Strumolo, and Michael Bitz)
From the new Center for Reading & Writing to FRC to the library, there are many resources available to faculty in the realm of writing. Join us to learn about these resources, and share some refreshments to close the Institute and celebrate writing at Ramapo.

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Book Raffle! Attendees are eligible for a free copy of John Bean’s Engaging Ideas: The Professor’s Guide to Integrating Writing, Critical Thinking, and Active Learning in the Classroom.