

The University Writing and Reading Board (UWRB)

Description

A university-wide board located under the Office of the Provost meeting every two weeks or monthly as needed. Board terms are open. The board sends invitations to join, reviews any requests to join, and elects its own chair.

Ex officio members of the UWRB are the Director of Assessment, the Discourse Coordinator, and the Coordinator of Writing Assessment.

The UWRB works closely with individuals and units on campus with direct ties to writing and reading at UMKC, such as the Writing Studio, Libraries, Composition, Academic Advising, and Discourse. These individuals may be members of the board or may be consultants to the board.

Other members of the board are faculty, including writing intensive instructors, from a wide variety of disciplines across the campus who are enthusiastic about the improvement of the critical reading and writing skills of UMKC students, the teaching of writing, and UMKC's writing culture.

Duties

Promote strategies of reading and writing across the curriculum, and support faculty in implementing them. Participate in such efforts across campus for both undergraduate and graduate students, and lead where appropriate.

Oversee the RooWriter Writing Assessment in general (e.g., philosophy, catalog entry, implementation, enhancements, presentations.) The day-to-day RooWriter maintenance, budget, and Evaluator management is assigned to the Coordinator of Writing Assessment position.

Maintain and update writing intensive (WI) course guidelines, approve WI courses proposed across the campus, and review or help assess such courses as needed or requested.

Maintain the UWRB website [<http://www.umkc.edu/uwrb>], especially the WI archive, providing reading and writing teaching resources for faculty across campus whether or not they are teaching WI courses.

History

The Campus Writing Board (CWB) existed in the College of Arts and Sciences (A&S) for many years as a subcommittee of the A&S Curriculum Committee with appointments made by the Dean. The Director of Writing across the Curriculum was chair, with faculty members representing Arts and Humanities, Social Sciences, and Natural Sciences. At its Dec. 5, 2011, meeting, the CWB became a university-wide board located under the Office of the Provost and changed its name to the University Writing and Reading Board.
