

Annual Report - Writing Committee 2011-2012

Fall 2011

- August 29, 2011. Election of chair (James Todesca) and secretary (Mirari Elcoro). Discussion of ideas to strengthen the writing competition. Organized a Faculty Forum about the Writing Competition to try to increase faculty involvement in this event.
- September 21, 2011. Hosted faculty forum on "The Status of the University Writing Competition"
- October 12, 2011. Decision on merging the Writing Competition with the Student Scholar Symposium during Spring 2012. Redefinition of paper categories for submission. Five categories were defined (expository, persuasive, research, creative, and multimedia) and one member of the committee was assigned to each category. Information about the event and categories was updated on the Writing Competition's website.
- October 13, 2011. Surveyed faculty regarding other writing contests on campus
- November 2, 2011. Discussion on advertisement of the event. A poster to be designed and distributed across campus. Other forms of advertisement were organized: electronic boards, emails, Inkwell. Organization of events (panels for each categories, judges, winners, and contact potential donors for prizes). Advertisement was conducted before Thanksgiving and during the last weeks of Fall 2011. Donations were collected or prizes.

Spring 2012

- February 16, 2012. Checking and updating advertisement of the Writing Competition. Recruiting additional judges for each of the paper categories. Idea on having a rehearsal before April 26, 2012 with the selected winners. Prepare thank you letters and invitations for donors.
- March 28, 2012. Approximately 38 papers were submitted by students. Papers were distributed to the individual committee members in charge of categories. Discussion of recruitment of faculty for judging panels. A decision on the winner in each category will be made by April 12. A rehearsal will be conducted on April 19. The winners of the Writing Competition will give a brief presentation of their papers on April 26 at the Student Research Symposium. Prizes will also be awarded on that date.

Respectfully submitted,

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