

Writing Committee Minutes for 1/14/14:

PRESENT: Deb Hagerty, Bill Dawers, Cynthia Costa, Debi Reese, James Todesca, Austin Deray (Writing Center student rep), Kourtnei Zellner (SGA student rep), Patricia Brown, June Hopkins

ABSENT: Lesley Roessing

Cynthia led our discussion about various ways of notifying the campus about the upcoming writing competition:

- Posters have been distributed (thanks to student reps)
- The symposium is on the Graduate Student Coordinating Council website (thanks to Austin Deray for his work on this and other methods of disseminating information)
- The competition will be brought up in SGA meetings
- Professors at the meeting said that they would bring up the competition in their classes and notify specific faculty members whose students might be doing exemplary work
- Weekly Student emails will be sent in the “What’s Going on Armstrong?” announcements.
- Faculty email reminders will be sent.

We discussed the competition website (www.armstrong.edu/writing_competition, which redirects to www.armstrong.edu/Departments/faculty_senate/senate_university_writing_competition).

We discussed awards and certificates, but no final conclusions were made.

There was considerable discussion about what to do with our foundation account since we are no longer under the Faculty Senate. Debi Reese, as director of the writing center, will likely take over management of the account.

Cynthia noted that we could write a bill to remain part of the Senate, but the consensus of the committee was that the Writing Committee should remain separate and that there was no need for senate oversight.

Cynthia and others committed to continuing to raise awareness about the competition. We reviewed which committee members are scheduled to judge various categories. There are still a few blanks, but several members – including Bill and Jim – expressed their availability to judge more than one category if the workload is not overwhelming.