PROGRAM IN WRITING AND COMMUNICATION

Faculty Senate, 2/19/20
Mission statement

The Program in Writing and Communication cultivates superior communication skills in scholarship and professional practice to prepare the Rice community to contribute effectively in the global exchange of ideas.
Program in Writing & Communication

**ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING**
- Freshman Writing Intensive Seminars (FWIS)
- ESL courses for international graduate students

**ACADEMIC SUPPORT SERVICES**
- Center for Academic & Professional Communication (CAPC)
- Communication in the Disciplines (CID)
First-year Writing-Intensive Seminars
- FWIS
  ~75 sections/yr
- FWIS 100
  ~10 sections/yr
- Faculty training seminar
- Course enhancement funds
- Student awards
- Assessment

English as a Second Language Programming
- UNIV courses
  Reading & Writing (600)
  Oral comm. (601)
  Advanced Writing (602)
- Workshops
- Assessment

Center for Academic & Professional Communication
- Train peer tutors to handle 2500+ visits/yr
- 40+ comm. workshops/yr
- Dissertation camps
- Visual communication support

Communication in the Disciplines
- 40+ workshops /yr in 15 depts and programs
- IRB-approved study of COMP grad students
- ComSciCon
- Grad. student writing groups
PWC supports faculty, too

- Communication pedagogy workshops (2x/yr)
- Consultations on syllabuses and assignments
- TA and communication coach training
- Consultations on academic writing and presentations
- Writing retreats w/OFD
- Assistance organizing writing groups
- Biennial visual communication symposium (2021)
PWC Team

Jennifer Wilson
PWC Director

Elizabeth Festa
PWC Associate Director

Dave Messmer
FWIS Director

3 Teaching Fellows
6 FT Lecturers

Kyung-Hee Bae
CAPC Director

2 Assistant Directors

PWC Program Coordinator (.5 FTE)

CAPC Prog. Manager
FAB activities, 2019-2020

Fall: Advise on new recruitment plan for FWIS instructors (TTT faculty):

- Financial incentives; discussion of teaching award
- Promoting PWC activities one department at a time
- Co-teaching with other faculty members

February: Report on CAPC activities

March: Review of FWIS

April meeting: Review of CID activities
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