DSU Writing Forum

November 15, 2004
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
BPAC Recital Hall

Sponsors:

STEP
Standards-Based Teacher Education Project (STEP)

WAC
Writing Across the Curriculum Committee

Student Engagement Champions
Welcome to the DSU Writing Forum!

The purpose of today's forum is to kick off a year-long effort to examine the role of writing in DSU classrooms. During today's event, we will present a background on the development of our Quality Enhancement Plan, and tie the QEP process to the need to enhance our efforts to improve our students' writing skills. We will then hear about writing resources across campus. Finally, we will hold a moderated discussion to help us understand the role of writing in our classrooms. This discussion will continue during events in February and April of 2005.

Schedule:

(1) Welcome and Introduction
   John Thornell, Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs
   Collier Parker, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences

(2) Defining the Problem

   (a) History of DSU's Quality Enhancement Plan
       Elise Jenkins, QEP Chair

   (b) Explanation of the National Survey of Student Engagement and Benchmarks of Effective Educational Practice
       Luther Brown, Student Engagement Champion

   (c) Sharing of National Survey of Student Engagement Results
       Darlene Crone-Todd, Student Engagement Champion
(3) Improving Writing at DSU

(a) Writing Across the Curriculum Committee
   Karen Bell, Chair

(b) Understanding Through Literacy Committee
   Marilyn Schultz, Chair

(c) STEP Project
   Hines Cronin, Coordinator

(d) Future Writing Seminars/Workshops
   Alan Barton, Coordinator

(4) Writing Resources on Campus

(a) Writing Center
   Susan Allen Ford, Director

(b) Roberts-LaForge Library
   Michael Mounce & Joy Phillips, Librarians

(c) Academic Support Lab
   Diane Blasnett, Director

   BREAK (5 minutes)

(5) Group Discussion: Where Do We Go From Here?
   Collier Parker, Moderator

   Participation by all in Attendance