

DSU Writing Forum

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

Sponsors:



*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 Blansett, Director

BREAK (5 minutes)

(5) Group Discussion: Where Do We Go From Here?

Collier Parker, Moderator

Participation by all in Attendance



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