

Writing Across the Curriculum (WAC) Committee

Purpose:

The WAC Committee works to promote a “culture of writing” at Fort Hays State University. Convinced that strong writing skills, discipline-specific knowledge, and critical thinking skills are fostered by the frequent incorporation of writing in the classroom, the WAC Committee exists to ensure all students receive ongoing writing instruction and opportunity throughout their studies.

Membership:

- Officers
 - Chaired by the Director of Writing Across the Curriculum
- Ex-Officio
 - Writing Center Director
 - TILT—Faculty Development Coordinator
- Faculty/Staff
 - Robbins College of Business and Entrepreneurship
 - Werth College of Science, Technology, and Mathematics
 - College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences
 - College of Education
 - College of Health and Behavioral Sciences
 - Forsyth Library
 - FHSU Online
 - Multilingual Writers (International/ESL)
 - At Large (1-2 members, optional)
 - *Gen-Ed
 - *Graduate School
 - *Faculty Senate

How appointed:

Director is appointed by the provost, deans make recommendations for their colleges/areas, and designated leaders make recommendations for other university units.

* If someone on the WAC Committee can provide representation in one of these areas, that person can represent their original area *and* one of these three areas: Gen-Ed, Graduate School, Faculty Senate. If no one on the WAC Committee can provide representation in any one of these areas, an appointment will be sought from the Gen-Ed Director, the Graduate Dean, or the Faculty Senate President, as appropriate.

Rotation:

Faculty/Staff (as designated above under “Membership”) will serve a three-year term—with the option for additional terms as negotiated with the WAC Committee Chair.

Exception: Unless interest and availability exist for an “At Large” position, members representing specific colleges/areas who are no longer affiliated with their respective college/area will move off the WAC Committee.

When Appointed:

New members will be appointed in the spring semester and take their seats at the first meeting of the subsequent fall semester.

Meeting Frequency:

The committee will meet as necessary to conduct the business of the committee, meeting at least monthly during the fall and spring semesters.

Parliamentary Procedure:

This body will conduct its business primarily through discussion and consensus, relying upon a vote only when consensus cannot be readily achieved. Vote will carry based upon a simple majority vote when a quorum is met.