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To: WPA Executive Board

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RE: Report on the Journal

Manuscripts

Since we began our duties in 2004, we have received 76 manuscripts:

From the previous editors
and for 2004: 32 manuscripts
For 2005: 40
For 2006: 4 (through 2/23/06)

76	submissions	
21	rejected	27.63 %
35	accepted	46.05 %
5	authors declined invitation to revise and resubmit	6.57 %
1	being revised	1.32 %
14	under review	18.42 %
76	Total	100.00%

Fall 2005 Issue (29 1.2)

The fall 2005 issue was mailed in January. Here are the contents:

Judy Hebb, "Re-Envisioning WPAs in Small Colleges as Writing People Advocates"
Anthony Baker, Karen Bishop, Suellynn Duffey, Jeanne Gunner, Rich Miller, Shelley Reid,
"The Progress of Generations"
Carl Lovitt, "Literature Requirements in the Curricula of Writing Degrees and
Concentrations: Examining a Shifting Institutional Relationship"
Joseph Eng, "Beyond Quality Control: Writing Assessment and Adjunct Accountability at a
Small Public University"
Neal Lerner, "Internal Outsourcing of Academic Support: The Lessons of Supervised Study"
Lisa Cahill, Review of *The Writing Program Administrator's Resource: A Guide to
Reflective Institutional Practice*
Larry Beason, Review of *What We Really Value: Beyond Rubrics in Teaching and Assessing
Writing*

Spring 2006 issue (29.3)

The Spring 2006 issue should go to the printer by the end of March.

Kelly Ritter, "Extra-Institutional Agency and the Public Value of the WPA"

Irv Peckham, "On-Line Essays for Student Placement"

Bill Endres, "Blogs: What Every WPA Should Know"

Laura Brady, "'A Greenhouse for Writing Program Change."

Paul Butler, "Composition as Countermonument: Toward a New Space in Writing Classrooms and Curricula"

Ed White, book review of *The Outcomes Book*

Mark Wiley, review of *Preparing to Teach Writing*

Sue McLeod, review of *A Field of Dreams*

Future issues:

Fall 2006: special ESL issue (see below)

Spring 2007: we currently have six essays scheduled

Fall 2007: we currently have four essays scheduled

Spring 2008: special innovative program issue (see below)

Special Issues

In January 2005 we announced a special issue of the journal, which will appear as the fall 2006 issue. The theme is "Bridging the Disciplinary Divide: Integrating a Second-Language Perspective into Writing Programs." The guest editors are Paul Kei Matsuda, Tamara Lee Burton, Maria Fruit, and Jay Jordan.

In addition, guest editors, Catherine Chaput, Danika Brown, and MJ Braun will edit a special issue (currently scheduled for spring 2008) that address new and innovative program design in rhetoric and composition. They are asking for articles that explore programs in all aspects of writing administration—first-year writing, undergraduate writing, masters, and doctoral programs, as well as writing centers, writing across the curriculum, and writing in the disciplines. They are especially interested in articles that not only outline new programmatic trends, but also

place those trends within both an historical context of the field and within evolving theoretical conversations about the field.

Advertising (Susan K. Miller-Cochran)

In the Fall 2005 issue of the journal, we published a 1-page ad from Bedford/St. Martin's and a 1-page ad from Pearson/Longman, generating revenues of \$400. In the Spring 2006 issue, we will publish a 3-page ad from Bedford/St. Martin's and a 1-page ad from Utah State University Press, generating revenues of \$725.

Editorial Board Meetings

The Editorial Board met at the 2005 CCCC in San Francisco and plans to meet in Chicago on March 23, 2006, to discuss reviewing processes. The group also met for the same purpose in Anchorage. We plan to gather for discussion at every meeting of CCCC and WPA.

Sessions for Potential Contributors

At each CCCC and WPA meeting in 2004 and 2005, we have facilitated a session in which we talk with scholars who may wish to submit manuscripts to the journal. We plan to continue doing so at future conferences.

Soliciting Manuscripts

We hope that members of the Executive Board will help us to encourage members of the profession to submit manuscripts to the journal.

A final note

As we told Shirley, it is with some regret that we announce that we will not request to continue as journal editors, once our three-year commitment is over and we publish the spring 2007 issue. We look forward to working with the new editorial team, to ensure a smooth transition.