

#### COMPREHENSIVE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS PROGRAM REVIEW

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

2021-2022

Complete Program Title	
Creative Writing and Literature	
Program Director/Coordinator	
Siobhan Wright	
Division	Division Chair
Communication Arts	Siobhan Wright
Type of Program	
Type of Program  Transfer Degree:	Terminal Degree:
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Transfer Degree:  ☑Associate of Arts (A.A.)	☐ Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.)
Transfer Degree:  ☑Associate of Arts (A.A.)  ☐ Associate of Arts in Teaching (A.A.T.)	☐ Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.)  Certificate:

Please provide the following information about the program based on the results of the Program Review. Use a bulleted format and do <u>not</u> exceed one page (front and back).

## 1. Synopses of the significant findings

We have talented and knowledgeable faculty to support the program. There has been a steady, although small, volume of students who have pursued the creative writing track. The two tracks, (A) English Literature and (B) Creative Writing, are identical and will be combined into one. Students in the program tend to live in Carroll County and are typically between the ages of 18-24, although this conclusion is based on a small number of students.

# 2. Strengths of the program

The program strongly supports general education goals, and includes 200-level writing courses. Students in the Literature and Creative Writing concentrations tend to be high-performing students.

#### 3. Weaknesses of the program

The program does not have an Advisory Board yet. The various instructors of the program courses are familiar with the program courses that they do not teach. We do not have adequate marketing materials, a product of not having a collective vision of the program up to this point. We struggle to get sufficient enrollment to run one of the most important classes for students who become English majors at 4-year institutions: British Literature. Additionally, Creative Writing is not offered as an online class. We did not have a program director.

## 4. Plans for Improvement including timeline

During the faculty Summer Institute, we are meeting to present 15-minute samples of our

- classes to everyone connected to the program to develop awareness and to be better advocates for each other.
- Melody Moore began the process with MHEC of combining the two tracks of the programs with a new title: Creative Writing and Literature.
- Austrie Duarte has taken the lead on pulling together an Advisory Board, drawing from English teachers in the local high schools and a few faculty members at local colleges.

# 5. Identification of weaknesses or deficiencies from the previous review and the status of improvements implemented or accomplished

We do not have a previous program review that is parallel to this one.

# 6. Budget/position requests

None.

Signatures		
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Program Director/Coordinator	Date	
K. Síobhan Wríght	May 17, 2022	
Division Chair	Date	
Melody L. Moore, Ph.D.	May 18, 2022	
Associate Vice President for Program Development and Partnerships	Date	