

Yeah, Write

# Enhancing the Culture of Writing at Auburn

An Update for University Senate

Office of University Writing

October 19, 2010

# Approved Senate Resolution

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Significant writing instruction beyond the core

Designed by each program to meet their needs

Follow principles developed by  
a committee on writing

Periodic review by committee to ensure  
continued improvement in writing

# 5 Principles for Writing in Majors

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More than one kind of writing



More than one opportunity to practice



More than one audience/purpose



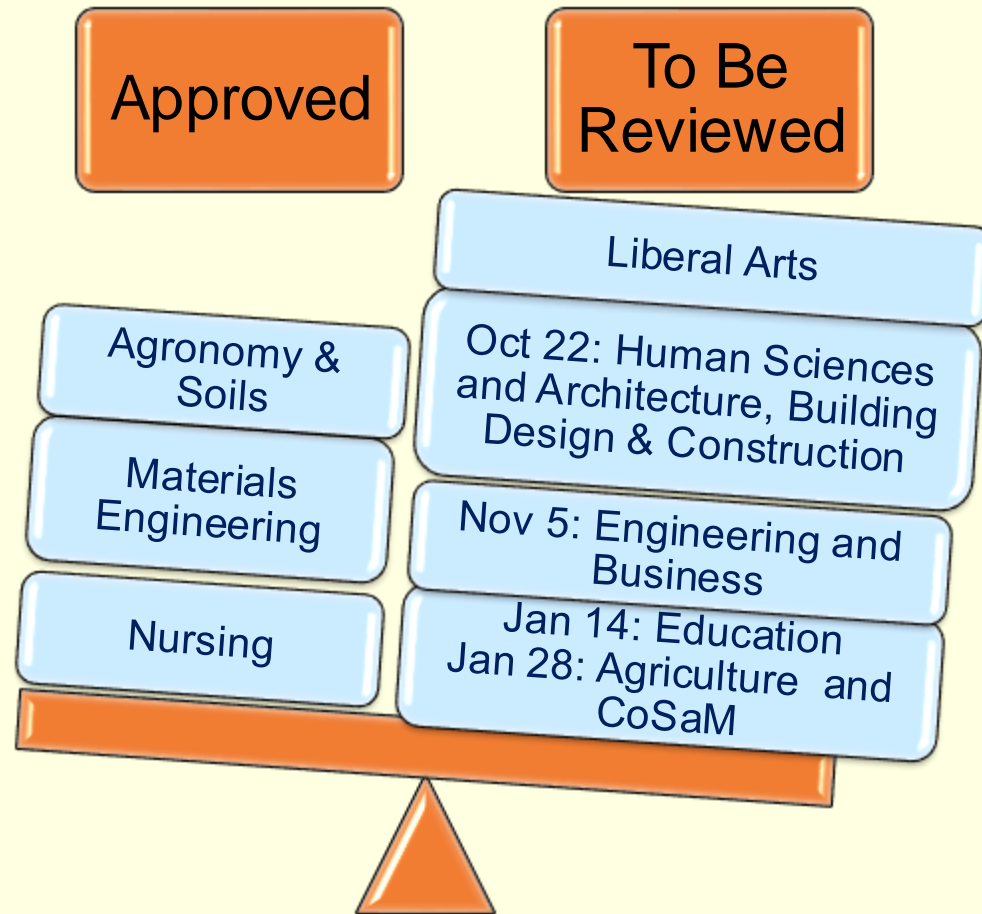
Feedback and opportunities to revise



Assessment of the plan

# Embed Writing in Every Major

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Support to Students



Support to Faculty



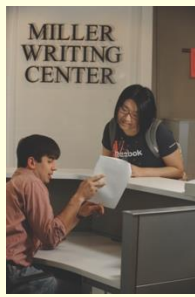
Celebrate and Promote Writing



Research and Assessment



Outreach



# Support to Students

## Miller Writing Center

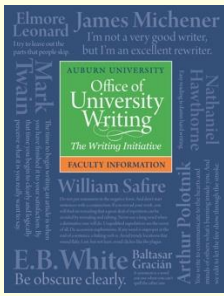
- Open to ALL students
- Locations at  
Haley Center  
RBD Library  
Athletics Center  
School of Forestry  
Dudley Commons  
Miller Gorrie Center  
Starbucks

## Facilitated Thesis/Dissertation Writing Groups

- Beginning Spring term 2011

## Write and Bite Workshops

- Avoiding Plagiarism – Nov 4<sup>th</sup>
- Writing a Blog



# Support to Faculty

# Writing Symposium

- Call 4-7475 to be on the waitlist or to schedule for your department
  - Designing Writing Assignments
  - Using Revision
  - Providing Feedback
  - Evaluating and Assessing Student Writing

## With Biggio Center

- Sessions for International Scholars, New Faculty Scholars and Preparing Future Faculty Program

## Website Resources

- [www.auburn.edu/writingfacultyresources](http://www.auburn.edu/writingfacultyresources)



# Celebrate & Promote Writing

## Common Book Contest

- Winners of incoming student contest on website
- March 21<sup>st</sup> deadline for all undergraduates

## National Day of Writing

- Wednesday October 20<sup>th</sup> 10:30-1:00 on the concourse

## Documenting Student Life Archive

- With Hall M

## Profiles of Auburn Writing

- See [www.auburn.edu/writing](http://www.auburn.edu/writing)





# Research and Assessment

## NSSE Consortium of Colleges Studying Writing

- More detailed view of writing practices

## Assessment of Writing Center Usage

- Students who use the WC have higher GPAs than students who don't

## Longitudinal Study

- 5 year study of impact of writing initiative on faculty



# Outreach

## With Truman Pierce Institute

- Loachapoca and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Camps

## With Center for Arts and Humanities

- Speakers on writing and engagement
- Writers' Conference

## With Encyclopedia of Alabama and Art Museum

- Writing for "publication"

## Writing in the World Speakers Series

- Target dates Spring 2011

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