

Directors Meeting

Friday, April 11th

Boise State University, Interactive Learning Center, Room 315

2:30-3:00 Check-in
3:00-3:10 Welcome
3:10-4:30 RMWCA Meeting
4:40-6:00 Presentations, Room 304

4:40-5:05

“YOU JUST CALLED ME WHAT?” WORKING WITH FACULTY IN THE DISCIPLINES

Haydie Le Corbeiller (Idaho State University) and Kelly Moor (Idaho State University)

The “oasis” metaphor is problematic for a Writing Center that is actively building connections with faculty in the disciplines. By constructing those disciplines as hostile terrain to be sped through in search of respite, the metaphor risks devaluing the resources that each discipline is uniquely positioned to provide. To come to terms with this image, therefore, we explore how we can resist the perception of the Center as a retreat from the rest of the Academy while still embracing our role in enhancing our students’ “skills for living” in the disciplines.

5:05-5:30

BRINGING THE OASIS TO THE TRAVELERS: WRITING FELLOWS TYPE PROGRAMS AND HOW THEY WORK

Beth Hedengren (Brigham Young University) and Julie Faust (Utah State University)

Curriculum-based peer tutoring programs bring the revitalizing oasis of tutoring to the students by attaching tutors to a particular course in response to a request from the course professor. All students in the course are required to work with the tutors, and the tutors work closely with the professors. With this system, students, teachers, and tutors all learn valuable skills. Some possible difficulties include funding, staffing, training, and oversight.

5:30-5:55

HERDING CAMELS: WRITING REPORTS FOR THE WRITING CENTER

Penny Bird (Brigham Young University)

Writing reports for the work that we do can be as difficult as moving a desert with a pair of tweezers. What requests do we make of our administrators? Who are our administrators? We need to consider our various audiences and their expectations, articulating our goals and results in languages that appeal to different readers. This presentation gives us a chance to talk about our writing about writing centers.

6:00-7:00 **Directors Dinner, Sponsored by the Provost’s Office**