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#### MEMORANDUM

To:

Donna E. Shalala, President

From:

Richard L. Williamson

Chair, Faculty Senate

Date:

November 21, 2013

Subject: Faculty Senate Legislation #2013-14(B) – Establish an English Minor in Creative

Writing, College of Arts and Sciences

The Faculty Senate, at its November 20, 2013 meeting, voted unanimously to approve the proposal to add an English minor in Creative Writing in the College of Arts and Sciences.

The minor will maximize access to the College creative writing courses by a variety of students, and make it possible for students who have a less specialized interest in creative writing to take a sequence of creative writing classes, but who do not wish to take advantage of the existing major in creative writing.

The proposal of the College of Arts and Sciences is enclosed for your reference.

This legislation is now forwarded to you for your action.

RLW/rh

Enclosure

Thomas LeBlanc, Executive Vice President and Provost Leonidas Bachas, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences Pamela Hammons, Chair, Department of English M. Evelina Galang, Director, Creative Writing

**CAPSULE:** Faculty Senate Legislation #2013-14(B) – Establish an English Minor in Creative Writing, College of Arts and Sciences

APPROVED: DATE: 12/9/13 (President's Signature)
OFFICE OR INDIVIDUAL TO IMPLEMENT: DEAN BACHAS
EFFECTIVE DATE OF LEGISLATION: IMMEDIATELY (if other than June 1 next following)
NOT APPROVED AND REFERRED TO:
REMARKS (IF NOT APPROVED):

#### UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI

# COLLEGE of ARTS & SCIENCES



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TO:

Richard Williamson

Chair, Faculty Senate

FROM:

Leonidas Bachas

Dean

SUBJECT:

English Minor in Creative Writing

DATE:

October 24, 2013

At the meeting of the College faculty of October 21, 2013, the faculty voted unanimously in favor of an English Minor in Creative Writing. This minor will maximize access to the College creative writing courses to a variety of students, and to make it possible for students who have a less specialized interest in creative writing to take a sequence of creative writing classes.

I trust that the Senate will add its support and approve this proposal. A copy of the proposal is attached for your convenience. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please let me know.

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#### Glemaud, Rose-Ketlie

From:

Galang, M. Evelina

Sen4:

Monday, September 23, 2013 5:18 PM

To:

Glemaud, Rose-Kellie

Cc:

Bachas, Leonidas G; Stampino, Maria Galli; Hammons, Pamela S

Subject:

Re: English Minor In Creative Writing

Attachments:

Proposal for English Minor.docx; ENG 219-1.doc; ENG 391[3].doc; ENG Dept Approval CW

Minor.pdf: 99 Universities with Similar Creative Writing Minors.docx

Dear Rose,

I have attached the following here:

A revised proposal.

Sample syllabi of our two new courses: ENG 219 and ENG 391

The letter from the Department stating that the proposal had been accepted and approved by the department. Comparisons with similar programs in other universities.

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Through the Creative Writing Minor, the English Department and Creative Writing Program would like to maximize access to our creative writing courses to different population of students.

- To allow students who can't complete the major to explore the major to some degree across a few courses: For example students in engineering, education, or architecture who may not have enough free credits to complete a full creative writing major;
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The three workshops slated for the minor: ENG 209, 219 and 391 are currently on the books. This semester there are 9 sections of 209 and 3 sections of 219. These courses are taught by existing staff. We do not see any significant need for additional staff. That said, all our sections of 209 (cap of 20) and 219 (cap of 15) are currently close to or at our maximum capacity. At least 15 students have revealed an interest in the minor. I suspect given the numbers of enrollment in the 209 and 219, we can expect between 15-20 minors in the first few semesters. We estimate 50-75 minors easily in the next few years.

Victor wanted to know about the sequencing: We have allotted numbers that are free in the ENG series. ENG 291 already has a course assignment. I think students will understand the sequence if they read our website and come to our faculty for advisement during registration period.

Please let me know if you are in need of more information.

Ce: "Bachas, Leonidas G" < bachas@miami.edu > Subject: Fwd: English Minor in Creative Writing

Dear Pam and Leonidas --

Here is the email from Dean Mallery regarding the Creative Writing Minor,

Let me know if you need more information.

All best, Evelina

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#### Begin forwarded message:

From: "Mallery, Charles H." < cmallery@miami.edu > Subject: Re: English Minor in Creative Writing

Date: October 15, 2012 3:33:37 PM EDT

To: "Galang, M. Evelina" < mgalang@mlaml.edu>

Cc: "Lucky, Gylla Boodram" <gylla@miami.edu>, "<geoff@cs.miami.edu>

Sutcliffe" <geoff@cs.mlami.edu>

Professor Galang,

The Curriculum Committee approved your submitted proposal for an English Minor/Creative Writing Track and I will forward it to the College Council for them to agenda for the next General faculty meeting of the college.

Thanks.

charles mallery, associate dean college of arts & sciences Ungar bldg. rm 337 - (305) 284-3188 - <u>cmallery@miami.edu</u> On Oct 8, 2012, at 8:43 AM, "Galang, M. Evelina" < mgalang@miami.edu> wrote:

Dear Charlie --

Just following up on the submission below. Can you tell me where we are or if there is something more we need to do?

Thank you -Evelina

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#### Begin forwarded message:

From: "Galang, M. Evelina" < mgalang@miaml.edu>

Subject: English Minor in Creative Writing

Date: October 2, 2012 8:50:27 AM EDT

To: "Mallery, Charles H." < cmallery@miami.edu>

Cc: "McCarthy, Patrick A." <p.mccarthy@miami.edu>, "Seaton, Maureen T" <mseaton@miami.edu>, "Ansay, Ann M" <a.ansay@miami.edu>, "Goran, Sylvester" <sgoran@miami.edu>, "Alison, Jane" <jalison@miami.edu>

Dear Charlie --

The Creative Writing faculty would like to submit a proposal for an English Minor in Creative Writing to the undergraduate curriculum committee. Five courses constitute the minor -- three in creative writing workshops and two in literature. Of the five courses two are new. Please find here the proposal as well as two sample syllabi for the new workshops designed for non-majors and open to all students.

The proposal has already been through and accepted by the English Department.

In addition to the minor, we are also thinking that with the advent of the cognates, the three creative writing workshops targeted to non-majors -- ENG209, ENG219 and ENG391 create a cognate of its own and would also be available for inclusion to other cognates (say in history and biology or political science, for example).

Would you mind putting us on the next agenda?

Thank you --Evelina

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September 20, 2013

Dear Colleagues,

This letter confirms that the faculty of the English Department voted enthusiastically in favor of the proposed minor in creative writing on March 22, 2012. Students have already expressed very strong interest in it, and we hope to be able to make it available to them.

Thanks very much for your kind consideration.

Sincerely,

Pamela Hammons, Chair

#### Proposal for English Minor/ Creative Writing Track

#### Revised 9/23/13

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The student minoring in English/Creative Writing Track completes, with a grade of C- or better in each course and with an overall GPA in the minor of 2.0, at least 15 credits at the 200-level or above beyond the credits earned for freshman composition.

The 15 credits must be distributed as follows:

- 1. Introduction to Creative Writing ENG209;
- 2. One literature course at the 200 level, excluding ENG210;
- 3. Beginning Mixed-Genre workshop non-majors ENG219;
- 4. Intermediate Mixed-Genre for non-majors ENG391;
- 5. One literature course at the 300 or above level.

ENG209 Introduction to Creative Writing

3 credits Fall & Spring Semester & First & Second Summer Session
Analysis and writing of short stories, poems and a third genre. Cannot be taken for credit only.
PREREQUISITE: ENG 105 OR EQUIVALENT. CANNOT BE TAKEN FOR CREDIT ONLY.

ENG 219 Beginning Mixed-Genre Workshop

This multi-genre workshop will focus on developing practical issues of craft and technique presented in ENG 209 with a particular emphasis on form and narrative. Classes will feature writing exercises and discussions of both student work and readings from contemporary fiction, poetry and a third genre (e.g., playwriting or nonfiction). Original work (such as a cycle of poems or prose poems, a full length short story, essay, or play) will be submitted and revised in a workshop environment and collected in a final portfolio of 30 pages at semester's end. A short

introduction to the portfolio and a personal evaluation is also due at that time, PREREQUISITE; and ENG 106 OR EQUIVALENT and ENG 209

\$NG 391 Intermediate Mixed-Genre Workshop

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#### 99 Universities with Similar Creative Writing Minors

Writing Program Name

Albertus Magnus College

Bath Spa University

Bemidji State University

Bradley University

California State University, Chico

California State University, San Bernardino

Case Western Reserve University

Cedar Crest College

Central Connecticut State University

Colorado State University

Dickinson College

Elon University

Fairfield University

Fairleigh Dickinson University

Frostburg State University

George Mason University

George Washington University

Georgia College & State University

Georgia State University

Gettysburg College

Goddard College

Goucher College

Hamline University

John Cabot University

Lafayette College

Lamar University, Benumont

Le Moyne College

Lewis University

Lindenwood University

Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania

Loyola University New Orleans

Macalester College

Manhattanville College

Missouri State University

Mount Mary College

New York University

North Carolina State University

Northeastern University

Northern Arizona University

Northwestern University

Ohio Northern University

Location

Connecticut, United States

United Kingdom

Minnesota, United States

Illinois, United States

California, United States

California, United States

Ohio, United States

Pennsylvania, United States

Connecticut, United States

Colorado, United States

Pennsylvania, United States

North Carolina, United States

Connecticut, United States

New Jersey, United States

Maryland, United States

Virginia, United States

District of Columbia, United States

Georgia, United States

Georgia, United States

Pennsylvania, United States

Vermont, United States

Maryland, United States

Minnesota, United States

Italy

Pennsylvania, United States

Texas, United States

New York, United States

Illinois, United States

Missouri, United States

Pennsylvania, United States

Louisiana, United States

Minnesota, United States

New York, United States

Missouri, United States

Wisconsin, United States

New York, United States

North Carolina, United States

Massachusetts, United States

Arizona, United States

Illinois, United States

Ohio, United States

Writing Program Name Pittsburg State University Randolph College Roosevelt University Saint Mary's College of California

Salem College Santa Clara University

Sewance: The University of the South

Sonoma State University

Southern Connecticut State University

Southern Methodist University Southern Oregon University

Stephens College

Texas A&M International University The University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa

The University of Manchester

Tulane University

University of Alabama, Birmingham

University of Bultimore University of Calgary University of Florida University of Hartford University of Hawaii, Manoa University of Illinois, Chicago

University of Iowa (Iowa Playwrights Workshop) Iowa, United States University of Iowa (Nonfiction Writing Program) Iowa, United States

University of Iown (Writers' Workshop)

University of Maine, Orono

University of Mary Hardin-Baylor

University of Miami

University of Missouri, Kansas City

University of Nebraska at Kearney University of Nevada, Reno

University of New Orleans

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill University of North Carolina, Greensboro

University of North Dakota University of Northern Iowa

University of Pittsburgh, Johnstown

University of Seranton University of St. Thomas

University of Tennessee, Chattanooga

University of Texas, Dallas

University of Texas, Pan American

Location

Kansas, United States Virginia, United States Illinois, United States California, United States North Carolina, United States California, United States

Tennessee, United States California, United States Connecticut, United States

Texas, United States Oregon, United States Missouri, United States Texas, United States Alabama, United States

United Kingdom

Louisiana, United States Alabama, United States Maryland, United States

Canada

Florida, United States Connecticut, United States . Hawaii, United States Illinois, United States

Iowa, United States Maine, United States Texas, United States Florida, United States Missouri, United States Nebraska, United States Nevada, United States Louisiana, United States North Carolina, United States

North Carolina, United States North Dakota, United States

Iowa, United States

Pennsylvania, United States Pennsylvania, United States Minnesota, United States Tennessee, United States Texas, United States Texas, United States

Writing Program Name University of Tulsa University of Victoria University of Washington University of Washington, Bothell University of West Georgia University of Wyoming Ursinus College Valdosta State University Warren Wilson College Washington & Jefferson College West Virginia University Western Carolina University Western State Colorado University Winona State University Xnvier University of Louisiana

Location Oklahoma, United States Canada Washington, United States Washington, United States Georgia, United States Wyoming, United States Pennsylvania, United States Georgia, United States North Carolina, United States Pennsylvania, United States West Virginia, United States North Carolina, United States Colorado, United States Minnesota, United States Louisiana, United States

ENG 219
BEGINNING MIXED-GENRE WORKSHOP
-3 credits Fall & Spring Semester
PREREQUISITE; ENG 106 OR EQUIVALENT and ENG 209

Sample Syllabus

#### COURSE DESCRIPTION

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Required Texts (in semester order)

Patricia Smith, Blood Dazzler (poetry)
M. Evelina Galang, Her Wild American Self (fiction)
Campbell McGrath, Road Atlas (prose/prose poetry)
David Trinidad, Plasticville (poetry)
Annie Proulx, "Brokeback Mountain," with excerpt from The Shipping
News (fiction)
David Ives, All in the Timing (plays)

## Calendar of Topics subject to change

#### Week One: Creating a Writing Community

Introductions & writing exercises: surrealist games.
Read Russell Edson (from *The Tunnel*) & Amelia Gray ("Babies")
Assignment: Read *Blood Dazzler*; write a poem or short prose piece in the narrative style of Smith.

#### Week Two: The Historical Narrative

Discuss *Blood Dazzler* and student writing. Assignment: Read *Her Wild American Self*; write in the style of Galang: a short 1<sup>st</sup> person fictional narrative (may be based on autobiographical material or not).

#### Week Three: The Personal Narrative

Discuss Her Wild American Self and student writing.

Assignment: Read Road Atlas; write in the style of McGrath: a short lyrical prose piece that explores place.

#### Week Four: Narrative of Place

Discuss Road Atlas and student writing,

Assignment: Choose one piece from the first three writing assignments, revise, and bring in copies for workshop next week.

### Week Five: Small Group Workshops (Mixed-Genre)

Assignment: Choose a second piece from the first three assignments, revise, and bring copies for workshop next week; or you may choose to substantially lengthen your first piece and bring copies for workshop.

## Week Six: Small Group Workshops (Mixed-Genre)

Assignment: Read Plasticville, by David Trinidad; choose a form from the book and imitate.

## Week Seven: Form & Popular Culture; Small Group Workshops (Poetry)

Discuss the use of form in *Plasticville*; discuss written assignment in workshops. Assignment: Annie Proulx, "Brokeback Mountain," plus excerpt from *The Shipping News*; write a story in either style of Proulx.

## Week Eight: Form & Narrative; Small Group Workshops (Fiction)

Discuss Proulx; discuss written assignment in workshops
Assignment: Work on revision and expansion of formal piece for workshop next
week.

## Week Nine: Small Group Workshops (Mixed Genre)

Assignment: From David Ives, All in the Timing (plays), read The Philadelphia and at least three others.

## Week Ten: Collaborative Performance Exercises (Playwriting)

Assignment: Write a one-act play to be performed by the members of your workshop.

## Week Twelve: Small Group Workshops (Playwriting)

Read plays, choose one for performance next week.

Assignment: Writers revise plays and gather cast for rehearsal.

## Week Thirteen: Staged Reading of One-Act Plays

Prizes for best script, costumes, actor.

Week Fourteen: Celebration & Final Portfolio

ENG 391 INTERMEDIATE MIXED-GENRE WORKSHOP Sample Syllabus Fall, 2013

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PREREQUISITES: ENG 219

Required Texts:

Best American Poetry 2012 (Mark Doty, Guest Editor)
Best American Stories 2006 (Ann Patchett, Guest Editor)
Best American Essays 2011 (Edwidge Danticat, Guest Editor)

Week One: First Person

Discussion of assigned readings. Craft essay prompts. Springboard exercises due. Impromptu workshops.

Week Two: Augmented First Person
Discussion of assigned readings. Craft essay prompts.
Springboard exercises due, Impromptu workshops.

Week Three: Mixed-Genre Workshop Poetry/Fiction Poetry/Nonfiction

Week Four: Mixed-Genre Workshop Poetry/Fiction Poetry/Nonfiction Week Five: Second Person

Discussion of assigned readings. Craft essay prompts.

Springboard exercises due. Impromptu workshops.

Week Six: Mixed-Genre Workshop
TBA (based on student choice of genre)

Week Seven: Third Person Limited
Discussion of assigned readings. Craft essay prompts.
Springboard exercises due. Impromptu workshops.

Week Eight: Mixed-Genre Workshop TBA (based on student choice of genre)

Week Nine: Third Person Omniscient
Discussion of assigned readings. Craft essay prompts.
Springboard exercises due. Impromptu workshops.

Week Ten: Mixed-Genre Workshop TBA (based on student choice of genre) Craft Essay Topic Sign Ups

Week Twelve: Craft Essay Development Thesis statement due. Open feedback. Thesis statement plus first three pages due.

Week Thirteen: Re-Vision: Craft Essay, Creative Work Revision roundtables (revised creative work, mixed genre) Revision rountables (craft essay draft)

Week Fourteen: The Final Portfolio
Krazy Kompetition: Prizes and Review!
Final portfolio due (Craft Essay, creative work, self-evaluation.)