Writing Program Chairs

1997-98: Carol Freeman
1998-99: Carol Freeman
1999-00: Carol Freeman
2000-01: Carol Freeman
2001-02: Roz Spafford
2002-03: Roz Spafford
2003-04: Roz Spafford
2004-05: Elizabeth Abrams
2005-06: Elizabeth Abrams
2006-07: Elizabeth Abrams
Procedures for Selecting a New Chair of the Writing Program

I. Selection of a New Chair

A. The Chair of the Writing Program will be chosen from among the Program's Lecturers with Security of Employment. At the end of a chair's term of service, the Program's SOE's will caucus and, by consensus, recommend a successor. Subsequently, the rest of the Writing Program Faculty will be asked to confirm the SOE's recommendation by anonymous ballot. (For the purpose of this process, the Writing Program Faculty is defined as all lecturers who hold Writing Program appointments except for those appointed from a temporary pool.) If the candidate receives confirmation by at least two-thirds of the voting faculty, the candidate's name will be forwarded to the Dean of Humanities for approval.

B. If the SOE's propose a chair by consensus but that person either is not confirmed by the faculty or is not approved by the Dean, the SOE's will reconvene and propose a new candidate or resubmit the previous recommendation. If this recommendation is confirmed by the rest of the faculty, the candidate's name will be forwarded to the Dean of Humanities for approval. If this recommendation is not confirmed, an explanation of the disagreement and the results of the votes will be forwarded to the Dean for resolution.

C. If the Lecturers SOE cannot achieve consensus on recommending a new chair, the Program's entire faculty, in this instance including Lecturers SOE, will be asked to vote for one of the competing recommendations. An explanation of the disagreement and the results of this vote will be forwarded to the Dean of Humanities for resolution.

II. Term of Service

A newly appointed chair of the Writing Program will under normal circumstances serve a three-year term, with possible yearly extensions up to 5 years. At the end of 5 years, the full selection process must be repeated. The sitting Chair may be returned to the position as a result of this process.