



TO: Felicia Chong, Chair of WRT  
FROM: Elaine Carey, Dean of CAS  
DATE: April 7, 2022  
RE: WRT Program Review

I thank Dr. Chong and the faculty in the Department of Writing and Rhetoric for their work on the self-study. The self-study provides a detailed and thorough analysis of the program and how it was changed over time. I appreciate the initiatives that the department has undertaken over the past decade such as a new major, embedded writing specialists, and revised curricula. I also thank the external reviewers, Dr. Bill Hart-Davidson and Dr. Kathleen Blake Yancey for their review. In their review, they provided suggestions for improved communication and learning experiences, strategies for growth and community engagement, and revision of curricula and approaches.

The WRT faculty and the external reviewers have addressed some important issues within the department. I recommend that the faculty consider these recommendations and craft a plan to further improve. I also recommend creating benchmarks to demonstrate the impact of the suggestions from the faculty and reviewers.

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