To:         Academic Requirements Committee, Faculty Senate

From:     Christine Harvey Horning, English Department

Date:       November 6, 2014

**Re:        First Year Writing (FYW) Placement Proposal:  WR 115 & WR 135**

**Summary of Recommended Policy:**

The English Department requests the following two recommendations be implemented for incoming Western students starting Fall 2015:  1) the registrar to place students automatically into the appropriate first-year writing course based on their SAT Writing (or ACT English) scores according to a tiered scale, and 2) the adoption of a Writing Requirement Rider.  These policies would appear in an expanded “First Year Writing requirements” section of the Catalog (p. 38 of 2014-15 Catalog).