



2014 Mississippi Writing Center Association Conference
Jackson State University
Friday, March 7, 2014

WELCOME

8:00 - 8:45 Registration & Continental Breakfast *Innovate Classroom*

8:45 - 8:55 Greetings *Innovate Classroom*
Tutors and Directors Together

9:00 - 9:50: First Discussion Group - Concurrent Sessions

Tutors: *2nd Floor Auditorium*

5-minute Center Introductions and set agenda

Facilitators: Samantha McDonald and Melany Jones, University of Mississippi - Tupelo

Directors: *Innovate Classroom*

Bylaws Draft Discussion: Are these our bylaws?

- Revisions: If questions are resolved during the session, a motion may be brought to adopt the bylaws. If they are not resolved, Discussion Group topics will be set and facilitators selected to resolve the issues.

10:00-10:15: "Writing Matters in Unpredictable Times" *Innovate Classroom*

Tutors and Directors Together

Address by **Dr. Lawrence T. Potter, Jr., Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, JSU**

10:30 - 11:45: Second Discussion Group - Concurrent Sessions for Tutors and Directors

Tutors:

A. Discussion Group A: Tutor-Training Reflections *2nd Floor Auditorium*

How are you trained? How about your neighbors?: A tutor driven discussion on the types and models of tutor training across Mississippi

Facilitators: Kim Dingess and Alex Hendry, Mississippi College

B. Discussion Group B: Tutorial Reflections *4th Floor Holden Reading Room*

What's happening in your center?: A tutor driven discussion on the challenges of tutoring in Mississippi writing centers

Facilitators: Sarah Percy and Joseph Miller, University of Mississippi - Oxford

Directors

A. Discussion Group *Innovate Working Area*

Topics and Facilitators TBA during the First Discussion Group

- Possible Topic A: Resolution of bylaws questions
- Possible Topic B: One-Year Initiative: Selecting and planning a cross-institution goal to complete over the next year.

B. Discussion Group B *Richard Wright Center*

Topics and Facilitators TBA during the First Discussion Group

- Possible Topic A: Resolution of bylaws questions
- Possible Topic B: Next Year's Conference: Soliciting locations and discussing expectations for our next gathering.

12:00 - 1:00: Lunch *Innovate Classroom*

Tutors and Directors Together

- Brad Campbell, Ole Miss, to award Southeastern Writing Center Memberships

1:15 - 1:50: Third Discussion Group - Concurrent Sessions for Tutors and Directors

Tutors: *2nd Floor Auditorium*

Discussion Group A and Discussion Group B report to one another.

- Prepare Notes to share with Directors
- Determine needs and resources related to tutoring in Mississippi to share with Directors (Approx. 30min to be allotted for sharing)

Facilitator: Daoying Liu, Jackson State University

Directors: *Innovate Classroom*

Discussion Group A and Discussion Group B report to one another.

- Vote on Bylaws (if not already completed)
- Prepare report for the final session (Approx. 30min to be allotted for sharing)

2:00 - 3:00: Final Discussion Group *Innovate Classroom*

Tutors and Directors Together

- Tutors share their findings / observations from their discussion groups
- Directors share the status of the bylaws and the outcomes of their discussion groups

Safe Travels!

Stay in Touch!!