

Alterations: the future of two-year college English departments

The Two-Year College English Association is a professional group of English teachers dedicated to the principle that our teaching of writing, language, and literature provides students with an opportunity for self-determination as literate citizens. As two-year college teachers, we work in a special environment. We teach a population diverse in cultures, ages, backgrounds, abilities, and goals. We teach in institutions open to all students with a high school education, or its equivalent, or with open enrollment policies.

Recent developments in higher education are putting pressure on two-year colleges to move students through the system more quickly and yet provide quality higher education to sometimes underprepared students. These pressures impact development of curriculum, courses offered, text book selection, staffing of classes, admissions policies, uses of technology in online and in-person education, as well as writing centers and academic advising. The challenges and opportunities that we will face in the next decade are worthy of discussion and exploration.

For the 2012 conference in Salt Lake City, Utah, we are seeking proposals that address the future of English departments and how we can best address the challenges that lie ahead.

Please submit: a cover page that includes the title, speaker/s, institutional affiliation, email/s, and phone number/s of all involved, along with a brief 100-200 word description of your presentation and the format of the presentation (panel/workshop/lecture/paper reading). The sessions are 1 hour and 20 minutes long. Please tell us if you would like to be partnered with another presenter (so you each will have approximately 40 minutes) or if you would like the entire time slot. All rooms will have a computer with Internet connection and projection capabilities. You may request a room with laptop computers for all participants. Only one copy of this information need be submitted.

Email your proposal to tycawest2012@gmail.com by September 1, 2012.

