

## Multilingual Students Academic Success Committee 2020-2021

<b>Members</b>	<b>Unit/Office</b> ( <i>committee membership term for elected members</i> )
Shelley Reid, <i>Co-chair</i>	Director for Teaching Excellence, Stearns Center
Karyn Kessler, Co-Chair through January 2021	Academic Director, INTO Mason
Anna Habib, Co-Chair, beginning January 2021	Associate Director, Composition for Multilingual Writers English Department Liaison to INTO Mason and GMU-K
Sharon Doetsch-Kidder	Assistant Professor, English / INTO Mason ( <i>through 5/22</i> )
Maoria Kirker	Lead, Teaching and Learning Team, University Libraries
Susan Lawrence	Director, Writing Center, English
Sara Mathis	Basic Course Coordinator, Communication
Tom Polk	Acting Director, Writing Across the Curriculum, English
Pierre Rodgers	Associate Professor, Sport Management ( <i>through 5/22</i> )
Deborah Sanchez	Term Assistant Professor, INTO George Mason University ( <i>through 5/21</i> )
Lori Scher	Assistant Dean, University Life
Kristen Wright	Undergraduate Education

### Committee Meetings

October 28th, 2020

November 11th, 2020

February 12th, 2021

### Overview of the Year

- Covid-19 Limitations: Because of the ongoing pandemic, our committee had fewer meetings than usual this year, and worked primarily to finish past projects and keep all members up to date on relevant initiatives
- Discussion topics: A key goal of the committee is to share resources across relevant initiatives. Among updates and resources shared this year:
  - Libraries initiative to develop anti-racist resources InfoGuide on finding diverse voices in academic research.
  - Composition program Working Group on Linguistic Justice and developing Program Philosophy and Aims Statement on Language equity and justice.
  - QEP efforts for Transformative Education through Equity and Justice: Anti-Racist Community Engagement.
  - Writing across the Curriculum program efforts to expand faculty support initiatives through Faculty Learning Communities and workshops for teaching writing intensive courses and supporting multilingual students

- Support for MIC: Co-chairs Karyn Kessler and Shelley Reid represented other committee members in contributions to the Mason International Collaborative (sponsored by the American Council on Education), which concluded in June 2021
- Key ongoing goals:
  - Integration with QEP/Stearns/ARIE Resource Development Team
  - Request for OIEP collaboration
- Election of new leadership and proposed revision to charge and membership
  - Following Karyn Kessler's resignation, Anna Habib was elected as co-chair of the committee
  - Committee members drafted and then voted to support revisions to the charge and membership, and submitted that proposal in April 2021
    - Proposed revisions to the charge will bring it into line with the ways that the expertise and practices of the committee have evolved in five years
    - Proposed revisions to the membership will help us stay connected to offices and programs that are relevant to the committee's work

## **Appendix**

1. During the past calendar year has the President, Provost, or Senior Vice President (or their respective offices) announced initiatives or goals or acted upon issues that fall under the charge of your Committee? If so, was your Committee consulted by the President, Provost, or Senior Vice President in a timely manner before the announcement or action? If not, do you believe your Committee should have been consulted? Would it have been helpful to have had the input of your Committee from the outset?

Members of our committee were included in the ARIE Task Force Committees as well as providing information to the Transformational Education QEP. We are looking forward to working with both initiatives going forward.

2. Did your Committee seek information or input from the President, Provost, or Senior Vice President or members of their staffs? If so, did they respond adequately and in a timely manner?

Not applicable.

3. Please suggest how you believe the President, Provost, Senior Vice President and/or their staffs might more effectively interact with your Committee in the future, if necessary.

Not applicable.

4. Please relate any additional information you may have regarding interactions between your Committee and the President, Provost, Senior Vice President, or their staff.

Not applicable.