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UWS-SPP Proposal for Asynchronous Facilitative Feedback

Saint Louis University’s Assistant Coordinators of Academic Support for University Writing Services (UWS) – Alexander Ocasio and Laura Hardin Marshall – propose a partnership with SLU’s Prison Program and Eastern Reception, Diagnostic and Correctional Center (ERDCC).

UWS provides writing advice to the University community, and we believe a partnership would be mutually beneficial to both the student inmate population and our staff. UWS consultants would gain real world experience interacting with persons outside of academia with inherent differences in writing audiences, purposes, and styles. The inmates, in turn, would benefit from receiving supplemental writing advice from a trained consultant, at no cost to the inmates, ERDCC, or the SLU Prison Program.

We envision a 5-step process that mimics our extant Online Writing Center but is tailored to meet the needs of incarcerated Associate of Arts degree-seeking and College Prep students:

1. Inmates would select writing samples to be reviewed. Those samples could be abstracts, outlines, rough drafts, final drafts, or any other relevant work.
2. The inmates would subsequently fill out a brief questionnaire providing our consultants with relevant details about the work.
3. One of the SLU Prison Program liaisons would collect the student work and their corresponding questionnaires from the ERDCC and bring them to UWS.
4. Consultants, specifically English Graduate Assistants, would respond with feedback in 5 business days, given the total number of eligible participants would be approximately 35.
5. A staff member from UWS would return the marked papers to the SLU Prison Program liaison for redelivery to the prison.

In future, we would be open to discussing the possibility of in-person writing consultations as well as increasing access to our services to non-degree-seeking inmates and guards, at which point the turnaround time for feedback may fluctuate depending on the number of individuals interested in taking advantage of this partnership.

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