**Writing/Creative Endeavors Roundtables**

Each semester and for the summer, the Dean of the Faculty will appoint up to twelve faculty members to participate in this initiative. Organized into complementary groups of four, their only responsibilities will be to meet for lunchtime discussions at least six times during the semester and to organize an opportunity for providing feedback on each other’s work once during the semester or summer. These self-governed small group partnerships are meant to be informal and social, yet focused on supporting each other’s scholarly and/or creative work. The focus of this program is on the development of scholarly/creative work, and not on evaluation. For example, a writing group might focus on transforming dissertations into book manuscripts, another group might focus on preparing presentations for Division III conferences, another on a round of studio visits, and another on preparing journal articles for publication.

**Eligibility**. All faculty in residence at the College are eligible to participate. Funding is intended to support new groups and initiatives. If demand is great, preference will be given to pre-tenure faculty.

**Application Procedure**. Groups of four should apply. Individuals, who are interested but not sure who best to invite to participate, are invited to consult with the FNP Coordinators. Groups of four faculty colleagues should submit their names, a brief description of their current scholarly/creative work, and a short one paragraph description of the rationale for the group composition to the Dean of the Faculty. Groups with a writing focus are encouraged to contact Stephanie Dunson, Director of the Writing Program, to see how she might support the work of the group.

**Guidelines**. Groups of four can be formed within or between departments, programs, or divisions. The groups can also be formed within or between faculty ranks. Semesters can include Winter Study, and this is encouraged.

**Deadline**. The application deadlines are June 29 for participation during the fall semester, December 1 for participation during the spring semester, and April 1 for the summer.

**Reporting**. Each group is asked to submit a short report describing the process and schedule of their lunches and the sharing of their work, and reflecting on the value of the experience. These reports should be submitted to the Dean of the Faculty within one month of the end of the semester or summer.

**Incentive**. All participants will receive a $500 research grant or salary stipend, plus six free lunches to be taken at the Faculty Club or a similarly priced restaurant.