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Dear Dean Losse:

The Department of English requests that the BIS concentration in creative writing be disbanded as of Fall 2009. We currently have

- 488 Creative Writing concentration majors
- 37 BIS Creative Writing concentration students

**Reason:** While faculty in the English department and in creative writing believe in the importance of access to academic programs, the extraordinary popularity of the creative writing concentrations (from 20 students to 488 in four years) has led us to a point where demand exceeds our current ability to offer the necessary number of sections of upper-level courses at the high standards students should expect and deserve. As you know, we are currently in the process of implementing a milestone portfolio review for the concentration in creative writing within the English major, and the creative writing faculty feels it best that we devote our undergraduate resources to that program.

**Impact on Current and Future BIS Students:** All current Creative Writing-emphasis students will be allowed to finish their Creative Writing concentration. However, they will need to work with English advisors to find substitute courses when required courses are not available to them. In the future, BIS students will continue to have access to introductory (200-level) and intermediate (300-level) creative writing courses and to any upper level courses for which the milestone portfolio review is not a prerequisite.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Maureen Daly Goggin".

Maureen Daly Goggin, Interim Chair  
Professor, Rhetoric

cc: Peter Turchi, Director, Creative Writing and Professor  
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**From:** Deborah Losse  
**Sent:** Friday, August 14, 2009 1:47 PM  
**To:** Heather Hoffart  
**Cc:** Maureen Goggin; Jenny Smith  
**Subject:** FW: Request to Disband BIS Creative Writing Concentration

Heather,

I am forwarding this request to disestablish the concentration in Creative Writing of the BIS program. The request has my approval.

Thank you,

Debby

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**From:** Frederick Corey  
**Sent:** Monday, August 17, 2009 3:51 PM  
**To:** Heather Hoffart  
**Cc:** Scott Thorpe; Ian Moulton; Duane Roen  
**Subject:** RE: Request to Disband BIS Creative Writing Concentration

Heather,

Yes, English has done an excellent job of keeping us informed. We will be proposing a new concentration in writing through the School of Letters and Sciences.

Fred

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Comments or concerns?

There has been some email traffic on this (between English and Scott T., I think) but now we have the official request.

Thanks, H

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