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TO: Nancy Diamond

FROM: Andy Furman, Professor and Interim Chair, English

SUBJECT: MFA Application Deadline Change

The English Department's MFA in Creative Writing proposes that we move our fall application deadline from March 1 to Jan 15. Over the past two years our MFA applications have improved substantially in quantity and quality, but we have been struggling to recruit those applicants, we suspect in part because we have to respond to their applications so late in the season. Changing our deadline would put us more in line with the national norm, as well as with our peer institutions in Florida. The UF deadline is January 14. The FSU deadline is January 1. The UCF deadline is Jan 15. The FIU deadline is January 14.

Many thanks.

Nancy Poulson, Chair, GPC, College of Arts and Letters

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