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To: John Slatin, John Ruszkiewicz, Linda Ferrreira-Buckley, Terry Kelley, Jim Kinneavy,
and Lester Faigley

From: Evan Carton

Re: Rhetoric and Composition Committee

Several of our colleagues have indicated to me that they did not feel that we were entirely meeting the departmental charge that constituted us as a committee to review the plans for the Rhetoric and Composition Division and suggest ways in which the writing needs of the university community and the best interests of the department could be met. Their concern was that we hadn't met separately as a departmental committee but only as members of a larger committee formed by Dean King to implement the Division. No one that I've talked to sees these two tasks as necessarily contradictory, and neither do I, but the fact that our meetings with the Dean and other non-department members have been brief and have not provided perhaps as much opportunity as any of us would like to discuss substantive ~~xxx~~ issues (such as the whole issue of substantial writing component courses that was briefly raised at the last meeting) leads me to agree that it might be helpful both to the department and to the discussions about implementing the Division if we were to meet among ourselves, take stock of where we are, identify current concerns, etc. Please let me know if you think this is a good idea or, rather, if you would be amenable to meeting as a group as I believe the department rightly expects us to do. Might we meet on Wednesday at 9:00 if there is no meeting of the larger committee set for that time by Dean King?