

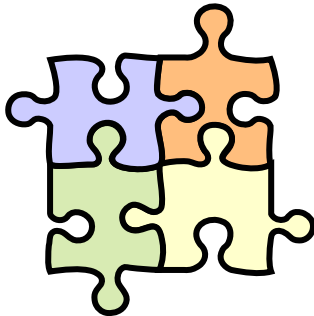


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Update Newsletter for March 2005

Due to the CCE site visit, March 21-24, the Brown Bag Presentation (University attorney Phyllis Karasov on the legal liabilities and harassment issues) that was scheduled to take place on Thursday, March 24 from noon-1 pm will be rescheduled for some time in the near future.

POSTPONED!
March 24th
Brown Bag
Presentation



Mark your calendars!

Faculty/Staff Development Seminar

Strategies to Increase Student Involvement

Friday, April 8, 2005

Time: 9 am to 3 pm (Lunch provided)

Place: Cafeteria Conference Room

This highly interactive, workshop supports faculty to translate contemporary learning research into instructional practice appropriate for a variety of content disciplines, including science and clinical areas.

The facilitator will be Dr. Jay Rasmussen, professor of education at Bethel College, where he teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in literacy education and assessment. His responsibilities also include functioning as the Director of Graduate Programs in Education. In 2003, Rasmussen received a Fulbright Research Award to conduct literacy research at the University of Oslo.

More information will be coming via email shortly. Questions?

Please contact Dr. Threinen at ext. 277 or nthreinen@nwhealth.edu or Shannon Ruschmeyer at ext. 143 or sruschmeyer@nwhealth.edu

NCA/HLC Annual Meeting

April 10-12 in Chicago, IL

General Program Threads for the North Central Association/Higher Learning Commission meeting will include:

Becoming a Learning Focused Organization

- Assessing and Improving Student Learning
- The Learning Environment
- Organizational Distinctiveness and Effectiveness

Those attending: Drs. Anita Manne, Linda Bowers, Noni Threinen, Pat Casello, Renee Devries, Ryne DeVries

The information gathered at this meeting will be presented to faculty and staff at a brown bag presentation and other venues and formats to be scheduled in the summer term.

University Assessment Committee

The UAC welcomes a new student representative, Hannah Seoh, a T2 student in MCAOM, who is replacing Tony Wangerin as the student representative on this committee. A sincere thank you to Tony for all his hard work and dedication. Hannah is also a member of the Student Senate. Welcome, Hannah!

Program Annual Assessment plans are due on March 15, 2005. The Committee will review the program assessment plans to provide feedback regarding the reports, with a goal of gaining faculty perspective regarding the each program's progress. Members of the Committee will use a standard evaluation rubric to focus their feedback. It is important to have this information available at this time since the budget planning cycle will follow soon thereafter and resource allocation may be impacted by needs identified in each plan.

The next UAC meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 25 at 9:00 a.m. in the Fetzer Board Room. If you have comments or questions about assessment, please contact any of the UAC members.

UAC members include:

Mary Berg	ext. 453	Clinical Education
Renee DeVries	ext. 239	Chiropractic
Don Eggebrecht	ext. 380	Chiropractic
Kren McManus	ext. 363	School of Massage
Jane Richardson	ext. 288	Chiropractic
Mary Tuchscherer	ext. 287	MCAOM
Hannah Seoh		student representative- MCAOM

CTLA Advisory Group

Criteria for the Faculty Excellence Awards are currently being reviewed by the advisory group members to help refine, clarify and improve the application and selection process. The new criteria will be available by April 1st. Applications will be due by May 15.

If you have suggestions or questions, please feel free to contact any of the Advisory Group members listed below:

Jim Amundson	ext. 278	Chiropratic
Mary Berg	ext. 453	Clinical Education
Beth Burgan	ext. 373	Massage Therapy
Anne Mackereth	ext. 218	Library
Noni Threinen	ext. 277	Institutional Effectiveness (CTLA)
John Williams	ext. 271	Chiropratic
Jane Wittch	ext. 231	Basic Sciences



SAVE THE DATE!

The **Faculty Honors Luncheon**, will be held on **Wednesday, June 22** at noon in the Cafeteria Conference Room. More information will come in the next update.

A New Face on Campus

Please welcome Shannon Ruschmeyer, our new Institutional Effectiveness Coordinator. She will be working closely with Dr. Noni Threinen in the recently established Institutional Effectiveness department. She will provide support for faculty development, the University Assessment Committee and strategic plan implementation, as well as other key projects. Shannon comes to us from the Minnesota Zoo, where she held positions in Education, Event Planning & Sales and Marketing. She has a Bachelors in Fine Arts degree in Graphic Design and Advertising. Prior to taking her new position, Shannon had been working part time in the MCAOM teaching clinic as an evening receptionist. When visiting the new IE offices (located on the south end of the library), please be sure to take a moment meet her.

