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**October 15, 2004**

**A season of change for the University Assessment Committee**

For over two years the University Assessment Committee has had members from the administration, faculty and students. During that time, work has been completed to establish the structure and procedures for the overall University assessment process. It was important during that time to have a strong administrative presence to ensure that the resources would be available to support this important initiative. Now, the process is shifting to a greater focus on implementation at the individual program level. In keeping with this new focus, the University Assessment Committee has changed its membership.

The new members are volunteers from the College of Chiropractic, MCAOM and the School of Massage Therapy, as well as a student representative and include:

Mary Berg	Clinical Education
Renee DeVries	Chiropractic
Don Eggebrecht	Chiropractic
Kren McManus	School of Massage
Jane Richardson	Chiropractic
Stacy Thornhill	Chiropractic
Mary Tuchscherer	MCAOM
Okokon Udo	Integrative Health and Wellness program
Tony Wangerin	student representative

Their committee service will begin at the end of October and they will work together to develop their working schedule, agenda and tasks for the remaining part of this academic year. They are all most welcome and are representatives to help communicate to all faculty members how assessment can be used to improve student learning.

Administrative members will be kept informed through regular reports via the Academic Council and access to meeting minutes via email and the CTLA website. Their contributions to our efforts so far have been invaluable and much appreciated. Thanks again to: Dale Healey, Max Hines, Lynne Hvidsten, Mark McKenzie, Rob Scott, and Emily Tweed. Thanks also to Anita Manne who recently resigned after being one of the original faculty members on the committee.

***NEW and IMPROVED!!***

***CTLA Assessment website is online TODAY!!***

Many thanks to the Communications Sub-Committee (Blue Team: Anita Manne, Jane Richardson and Tony Wangerin [T6 student]) of the University Assessment Committee and our Communications Department (John Healy and Monika Rimple) for developing a new Assessment section for the CTLA web-site and re-designing the CTLA home page. The new section reflects the most current information and resources available for assessment. The new site is available October 15, 2004 for the first time. We hope you will find it useful and another way to help develop a greater awareness and understanding of ongoing assessment activities and new assessment initiatives on the NWSU campus. Please send any comments or questions to Noni Threinen via email: [nthreinen@nwhealth.edu](mailto:nthreinen@nwhealth.edu).



## **NWSU 2004 University Assessment Progress Report**

The University Assessment Committee (UAC) has prepared an annual review and summary of assessment activities for 2003/2004. It includes the self-evaluation of the assessment program by the UAC members and incorporates many insights and recommendations derived from two faculty focus groups. The Executive Summary for the focus group results is included within the report. All faculty members will receive a copy of the report through their curriculum groups or via campus mail within the next few weeks. In addition, the university level report is available on the CTLA website. The individual program reports are available online, as well.



An informational notebook divider card will be distributed to students as a way to let them know the basic elements of University and program assessment. Copies will also be given to faculty members in the next few weeks.



## **2004/2005 CTLA Advisory Group Members**

***NEW Advisory Group members:***

***Mary Berg***

***Anne MacKereth***

***Jonathan Williams***

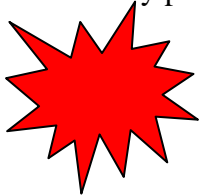
***Jim Amundson***

***Jane Wittich***

***Beth Burgan***

# Faculty Seminar Date

A new schedule for Faculty Development Seminars has been established based on inclusive feedback from program representatives. This date will remain the same in upcoming terms for the primary seminars and workshops that are available to all programs' faculty members. **It will be the Friday of the 14<sup>th</sup> week of the trimester.** In future terms, this date will not be used for final examinations, so that all chiropractic faculty will be available. With advance notice on the same date each term, other program faculty may be able to plan to be available, if at all possible. This has been a culmination of numerous discussions and a variety of feedback and will allow for timely planning for speakers and presentation.



## **Brown Bag Session: Max Hines on the NCA/HLC Regional Accreditation Process**

What are the issues? Why should you care? What are we doing about it? What's your role as a faculty member? All faculty are invited. Dr. Hines says it will be informative, intriguing, and engaging. Can you believe that? Come and see for yourself.

**When: October 28, 2004**                      **Place: L4**

**Time: Noon – 1PM**

*Your suggestions are ALWAYS welcome.*

Please send your suggestion for future program topics and ideas to me or any of the advisory group members. We welcome your input.

**Advisory group members' names, e-mail addresses and campus phone extensions are available on the assessment page of the CTLA web site.**