Happy Halloween!

Time seems to fly in the fall. Before we know it the holidays will be approaching. For those of us working on our Middle States Self Study this is particularly true. We’ve spent the past year looking through our assessment reports from units all over the college. It is truly impressive how much work you all have done to improve the programs and services at Buffalo State.

Please take a few moments to review the draft Self Study and Evidence Room, found at: https://bscintra.buffalostate.edu/middlestates/documents.html (you will be required to log in with your username and password in order to access the documents).

Rosalyn Lindner
Associate Vice President
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From the Assessment Advisory Board
The Assessment Advisory Board is very pleased to announce the first Department Outstanding Assessment Award. This award ($4,000 added to department OTPS for one year) will be given to one department each academic year. This award is intended to recognize a department that is committed to best practices in assessment to improve student learning in its major program(s). Departments with multiple major programs may choose to submit an application based on one program or more than one program.

A department recognized by this award will serve as a model of how to achieve innovative reform, enhanced learning, strong leadership, and departmental commitment to ongoing, evidence-based improvement. Preference will be given to a major program that is fully developed and implemented, revealing the complete assessment cycle.

Applications must be received by April 30, 2013. Award recipient will be announced by June 30, 2013. The Assessment Advisory Board (see Page 2 of this newsletter for member listing) will evaluate applications according to the approved rubric and decide the award recipient. If, in the judgment of the AAB, no submission reflects excellence in assessment, no award will be given for that year.

Questions concerning this award should be addressed to Karen O’Quin, ext. 6434.
Assessment Advisory Board/MSCHE Work Group 8
2012-2013

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MSCHE Steering Committee Hard At Work
Celebrating Ralph’s Birthday
Fall 2012 Assessment Workshops
Sponsored by the Faculty Development Office
Details and registration information available at www.buffalostate.edu/professionaldevelopment/x555.xml

Tuesday, October 16, 12:15 – 1:30, BUTL 181B

Summarizing and Using Assessment Results*
What do your assessments say about your strengths and weaknesses? What do they tell you about your goals and the effectiveness of your curriculum and pedagogy? Learn to identify the purpose of a particular assessment, clarify the decisions that assessment results may inform, share results in useful, meaningful ways, and identify factors leading to disappointing assessment results. Join your colleagues for discussion and portions of a webinar presented by national assessment expert Linda Suskie. Facilitated by Sue McMillen.

Tuesday, November 6, 12:15 – 1:30, BACO 115

Crafting a Teaching Philosophy*
Instructional decisions are strongly influenced by one’s beliefs about teaching and learning. Course learning goals emerge from these beliefs or philosophy of teaching. To effectively teach and help students learn, learning goals should be as clear as possible. Engage with various tools designed to guide reflection on your beliefs, document aspects of your teaching philosophy, and use these reflections to create or clarify learning goals for your courses. Presented by Sue McMillen.

Impact, the Newsletter of the Assessment Network of New York (ANNY) will be available in November through the Buffalo State Assessment website at: http://bscintra.buffalostate.edu/assessment/

ANNY was formed in 2010 “to advance effective assessment to enhance quality in higher education”. It currently has over 200 members from public and private schools in New York State. Roz Lindner is a member of the founding board of ANNY.

Manuscript Submissions
The Journal of Assessment and Institutional Effectiveness, a publication of the New England Educational Assessment Network in partnership with the Pennsylvania State University Press, is accepting manuscript submissions for its January 2013 issue. JAIE publishes scholarly work on the assessment of student learning at the course, program, institutional, and multi-institutional levels as well as more broadly focused scholarship on institutional effectiveness in relation to mission and emerging directions in higher education assessment. You may submit electronically after registering at http://www.editorialmanager.com/jaie.

For additional information contact Tony Peffer, Editor at tony.peffer@castleton.edu.
CLA
This year we are once again participating in the CLA (Collegiate Learning Assessment). Freshmen enrolled in CWP 101 participated this semester and seniors will be needed in the spring. If you’re teaching a senior level course please keep this in mind as we’ll be asking you to encourage your students to participate. The CLA is an important component of our Voluntary System of Accountability which can be found by clicking on the “College Profile” button on the Buffalo State website.

ASSESSMENT REPORTS
There are three (3) new assessment reports from 2012 available on-line. Everyone is encouraged to look them over, talk about the results, think about how this information can help us move forward.

SUNY SOS 2012 Report
Buffalo State – Campus Results
The SUNY Student Opinion Survey was administered electronically to all undergraduate students over 17 years old at Buffalo State during spring semester, 2012. 759 fully completed questionnaires were scanned by ACT.

CSRDE 2011-2012
Buffalo State continues to participate in the Consortium for Student Retention Data Exchange (CSRDE) along with hundreds of other institutions of higher education. The CSRDE provides valuable information on retention and graduation rates for undergraduate full-time first-time freshmen from cohorts over the last ten years. The CSRDE report provides an opportunity to benchmark with other public institutions and peer institutions as designated by SUNY and Buffalo State.

This report contains benchmarking information for 15 “peer” institutions:

Read the full report on the Assessment website

SUNY SOS 2012 Comparison Report
Charts and graphs compare Buffalo State’s SOS results with those of the other 11 comprehensive 4 year institution in SUNY. When reviewing all of the results it should be kept in mind that in some cases a very small difference may appear more significant than in fact it is.

The effect size reported below is the practical difference between Buffalo State’s result on a particular item and that of the 11 other comprehensives. Generally differences in effect sizes under 0.20 (.15-.20) on the Likert scales used in this survey are considered relatively minor. A medium effect size is over .20 -.50 and a large effect size is over .50. Of course all items must be viewed in the light of whether or not that particular item is important to the campus. A small difference for a highly important item should get more attention than a larger difference for a relatively unimportant item.
SUNY CPD Upcoming Programs

For detailed information visit the CPD Website at www.cpd.suny.edu
Click on CALENDAR. Visit Often - New Programs are being added.

Performance Measures Institute, SUNY Brockport October 16th For more info...

Instructor Assessment of Student Learning - SUNY Oswego October 17th For more info...

Implementing Blackboard Mobile Learn: Experiences at Oneonta – Online Webinar
TLT Cooperative Contributor: Deborah L. McClenon, SUNY Oneonta October 17th from 10 – 11 am Registration to Open Soon!

Transformational Learning in Math – Empire State College, Saratoga Springs, NY October 18th For more info...

Giving and Getting Access to Scholarly and Instructional Materials - SUNY Brockport
SUNY Innovation Grant October 26th For more info...

Making Online Teaching Accessible Using Universal Design – Online Webinar
TLT Cooperative Contributor: Dr. Michelle Snell Fowler, SUNY Suffolk October 31, 2012 from 1:30 – 2:30 pm Registration to Open Soon!

Faculty Development Cooperative: Creating a community for Teaching and Learning – Schenectady Community College November 2nd Registration Open Soon!

Enhancing Excellence in Assessment: Being Successful with MSCHE Standards 7 & 14
November 2nd Monroe CC, Rochester, NY
November 16th Plattsburgh Branch Campus at SUNY Adirondack, Queensbury, NY
November 30th SUNY Global Center – New York Co-sponsored by SUNY FIT Registration Opening Soon!

Instructional Designer Certificate Program - Course 3

Professional Foundations: Researching and Networking - Online Course November 5th – December 5th (4 weeks) Save the DATES

Self Assessment - Don't Wait for your Dean – Online Webinar TLT Cooperative Contributor: Doug Kahn, SUNY Suffolk November 14, 2012 from 10 – 11 am Registration to Open Soon!

Department Chairs Institute - SUNY CPD East Syracuse, NY Dec. 12 - 14th For more info...

SUNY CPD Membership Points can also be used for workshops and events offered by the following Vendors; Please contact CPD for details:

- Quality Matters – www.qualitymatters.org
- New Horizons – www.newhorizons.com
- Micro Knowledge – www.microknowledge.com

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Assessment Resources

**ASSESSMENT RESOURCES ON THE WEB**

"Internet Resources for Higher Education Outcomes Assessment"

http://www2.acs.ncsu.edu/UPA/assmt/resource.htm

This web site / list currently has about 800 links, including over 300 college and university assessment sites.

Visit the Association for Assessment of Higher Education, Inc at http://aalhe.org

Looking for a Report?
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Assessment and Review can be found here:
http://www.buffalostate.edu/academicaffairs/x573.xml