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For additional information about the guest speakers, go to the CETL website at www.uwsuper.edu/cetl
Focus on Assessment

Concurrent Afternoon Sessions for All Campus Audiences

8:30 - 9:30 a.m. Keynote Address for All Campus Audience
Yellowjacket Union Great Rooms A & B

Assessment, Accreditation, & Accountability presented by Bob Mundhenk and Jennifer Fager. This presentation will provide an overview and rationale behind assessment as well as nationwide trends and application of those trends to UW-Superior HLC accreditation. Dissatisfied with the performance of higher education, officials at federal and state levels have discussed, proposed, and in some cases implemented more stringent measures to assure the accountability of higher education. One of the ways they have exerted pressure on higher education is through increased pressure on accreditation. Federal and state mandates, coupled with increased vigilance through accreditation, mean that the era of transparency is upon us. This session explains these changes and their implications for higher education in general.

9:30 - 9:45 a.m. Break

Concurrent Morning Sessions on Assessment for All Campus Audiences

9:45 - 11:45 a.m.
1. Rubric Building presented by Bob Mundhenk YU 203
In this workshop, participants will learn about the uses of descriptive rubrics as they design, analyze results, and build a rubric for one of their own course or program outcomes.

2. Selecting and Developing Assessment Approaches and Methods presented by Jennifer Fager YU 204
If there is one guiding principle (and there are many), one is thinking about the assessment of learning from a systems perspective. This session will explore comprehensive assessment planning, data collection, analysis, improvement strategies, and the development of a systemic and systematic approach to assessment for and of learning. Participants will explore the range of options available for incorporation into a comprehensive plan and explore strategies for developing a system that is meaningful, sustainable, and that fits within the culture.

9:45 - 10:45 a.m.
3. WEAVEOnline in Your Academic Department's Planning and Assessment Process presented by Faith Hensrud and LeAnn Brown YU 202
This session will focus on the new unit/department strategic planning and annual reporting process at UW-Superior. The process was developed by the UW-Superior Continuous Improvement and Planning Team (CIPT) to assist departments in developing strategic plans to support the campus's overall strategic priorities. A new planning and reporting software package called WEAVEOnline was launched this past year to support departments in efforts to plan, assess and report.

Target audience: everyone in academic departments interested in the WEAVEOnline system.

10:45 - 11:45 a.m.
4. WEAVEOnline Your Non-Academic Unit's Planning & Assessment Process presented by LeAnn Brown and Jan Hanson YU 202
This session will focus on the new unit/department strategic planning and annual reporting process at UW-Superior. The process was developed by the UW-Superior Continuous Improvement and Planning Team (CIPT) to assist departments and units in developing strategic plans to support the campus's overall strategic priorities. A new planning and reporting software package called WEAVEOnline was launched this past year to support departments and units in efforts to plan, assess and report.

Target Audience: Everyone interested in Unit usage of WEAVEOnline.

5. Assessing & Improving Your Unit/Department Website presented by Lynne Williams, Al Miller, Mary Schoeler & Mike Twining. Erl 101
In this session, we will actively learn how to assess your website. With the tools and information provided you and your team members will be able to perform a critique of your website. These improvements will help website visitors learn more about your program or department and enhance their experience. Any faculty or staff member who holds editing rights on their website or is interested in learning more about university web pages should attend.

Target Audience: Everyone interested in improving website usage.
(Session repeated at 1:15 – 2:15 p.m.)

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Luncheon with Keynote YU Great Room C
Assessing for Learning in a Climate of Accountability presented by Bob Mundhenk & Jennifer Fager for All Campus Audience*

This session builds on the general morning session as it explores the ways in which carefully developed assessment practices can serve two purposes: accountability and improvement of student learning.

*Seating for lunch limited to 60. No reservations: First come, first served.

1:15 - 2:15 p.m.
1. Assessing & Improving Your Unit/Department Website (Repeat session) Erl 101
Presented by Lynne Williams, Al Miller, Mary Schoeler and Mike Twining. See session #5 at 10:45 a.m. for session description.

Target Audience: Everyone interested in improving website usage.

1:15 - 3:15 p.m.
2. Developing Online Assessment YU 203
Presented by Jennifer Fager. With the explosion of online tools for learning, there are many additional resources that could be used for conducting assessments online, whether in a course management system or in any one of a number of free Web 2.0 tools, share sites, or public domain resources. Dr. Fager will be scanning the tools available close to the time of the session to identify some new options that may exist to enable you to use technology to improve learning and increase efficiency, as this is a rapidly changing environment. Too few of us have sufficiently tapped the potential of technology to enhance learning effectiveness. We will be taking a look at several.

3. How to Write Program and Course Level Outcomes YU 204
Presented by Bob Mundhenk. This interactive workshop will help participants develop specific, concrete, measurable outcomes at both levels.

4. Assessment of Student Learning: How It's Working in the Liberal Arts Initiatives YU 202
Presented by Rhoda Robinson (Associate Dean of Academic Affairs and Coordinator of Senior Experience), Jenice Kienzle Meyer (Coordinator Academic Service Learning), Suzanne Griffith (Coordinator of First Year Seminars sharing on both FYS and First Year Experience), Lisa Larson and Cherie Sawinski (reporting on Global Awareness Initiative), and Deborah Schlacks (Coordinator of Writing Across the Curriculum). This session will focus on methods of assessment being used in the Liberal Arts Initiatives and how those assessments provide continuous improvement of the individual programs. Target audience: Anyone interested in learning some methods of assessment and how those assessments can be used for both accreditation and program/curriculum development.