December 2012 Assessment and Accreditation Update

Dear GSE faculty and staff,

As a way to communicate with everyone more effectively about the assessment and accreditation work being done across the GSE, I am going to be sending monthly updates that include a brief summary of what has been happening, as well as information about upcoming assessment events.

These emails will not require you to do anything, they are only being provided to keep you up-to-date on what is happening with regard to assessment each month.

Since this is the first update it will be a little longer than those that follow so that I can update you on events that occurred from September – December, 2012.

Here’s a list of the things that have been happening this fall:

- All GSE programs worked on updating assessment plans and assessment maps.
- NCATE and TSPC accredited programs began the process of creating the new, required, TSPC Program Approval Report. Leslee created an online template and we’ve broken this task into smaller chunks spread out over the year to help Program Coordinators with this task.
- A whole-school conversation about dispositions was the focus of the GSE State of the School faculty/staff meeting held at the Oregon Zoo in September.
- Dr. Susan Colby, Professor of Education from Appalachian State University, visited in November and gave a presentation about her work developing and assessing dispositions.
- Programs were asked to begin developing (or reviewing) a plan for assessing student dispositions based on the GSE dispositions. The GSE dispositions were originally approved by the GSE in 2009 and aligned with the GSE Conceptual Framework by the GSE Assessment Committee in 2012. ([http://www.pdx.edu/education/sites/www.pdx.edu.education/files/Dispositions%20ONLY.pdf](http://www.pdx.edu/education/sites/www.pdx.edu.education/files/Dispositions%20ONLY.pdf))
- Steve Micke was hired as the GSE Data Coordinator; he will be working with programs to generate useful data reports that can be used for program review and assessment.
- All GSE programs began accepting applications online through Tk20 and all student data was migrated from the GSE student database (now closed) to Tk20.
- Leslee began offering a series of information sessions for Program Coordinators. Sessions will continue in winter, 2013 and are open to any interested faculty. Please let Leslee ([lesleep@pdx.edu](mailto:lesleep@pdx.edu)) know if you plan to attend and she will let you know where each session will be held.
  - Fairness, Accuracy & Consistency in Assessments: Friday, February 8, 1-2pm; Monday, February 11, 12-1pm.
  - What’s New in Accreditation: Thursday, January 24, 10-11am; Wednesday, February 6, 12-1pm; Friday, February 15, 1-2pm.
I hope that this information is helpful. Please let me know if you have questions, and look for another email near the end of January, 2013.

Have a productive end of the term and a relaxing winter break.

Best,

Liza