Welcome to an exciting year ahead!

We welcome our new members as well as our existing members to the IAC for the upcoming academic year. Each of our members brings a unique perspective, a wealth of knowledge of their disciplines, and possesses an enthusiasm and desire to build upon best practices of assessment at Portland State. We look forward to the academic year, and in continuing to promote and support a “culture of assessment”.

Meet Our Members and Associates…

Each issue we will feature our members, as well as all contributing to innovative assessment initiatives across the university.

**Micki Caskey – Learning Advocate**

Dr. Micki Caskey, Associate Dean of the Graduate School of Education, IAC member, and chair of the research board of the National Middle School Association, also works with colleagues nationally to advocate for the importance of facilitating a safe, socially-supportive, and enriching learning environment for all middle school students.

**Neil Ramiller – IT Innovator**

Dr. Neil Ramiller, newly-appointed Director of Assessment for the School of Business Administration (SBA), brings an interdisciplinary perspective to his research in the management of information-technology innovation, including the approach of “organizing vision” when planning systems. Welcome Neil as a new IAC member!

Ongoing Updates to the IAC Website

In the next few months, you will notice updates to the IAC website. IAC members will be asked also to contribute to or reflect on portions of this site as pages are updated. Thank you in advance for your input.

FYI Resources:

**Webinars:**

Assessment in Linguistics: [http://larc.sdsu.edu/events/webinars/](http://larc.sdsu.edu/events/webinars/)


**Curricular Exemplar:**

[http://serc.carleton.edu/earthandmind/posts/curriculum_desi2.html](http://serc.carleton.edu/earthandmind/posts/curriculum_desi2.html)

**Conferences:**

28th Annual Conference of the American Evaluation Association, Oct. 15 – 18 in Denver, Colorado


Global Learning in Colleges: Cross-Cutting Capacities for 21st Century College Students, AAC&U

Oct. 16-18, Minneapolis, MN

[http://www.aacu.org/meetings/global/14/index.cfm](http://www.aacu.org/meetings/global/14/index.cfm)

Have a great resource to share? Email mailto:suzann6@pdx.edu. Thank you.
Calling all those serving in assessment roles at PSU
Are you or do you have an individual in your department serving in the role of Assessment Coordinator, Liaison, Director, or Specialist? If so, we invite those in Assessment to participate in a newly-developing and informal collaborative group. Our purpose will be to share ideas and participate in several professional development topic and social get-togethers this academic year.

Contact Suzanne Matthews, the OAI Assessment Coordinator at suzanne6@pdx.edu if you would like to be placed on a group mailing list, contribute ideas, or suggest future event topics, speakers or venues. Thank you.

Oregon Assessment Conference
Portland State University, in partnership with Oregon State University and the University of Oregon held the first annual Oregon Assessment Conference (OAC) in student affairs on Sept 5, 2014. This first Oregon statewide student affairs assessment conference provided an opportunity for colleagues across the state to explore the expanding realm of measuring student learning in a variety of educational contexts. For an initial effort, the organizers were thrilled to have 90 people attend. To learn more about this conference, visit the website: http://oregonassessmentconference.weebly.com/

#92 - Credit for Prior Learning - The Assessment Model
In the Provost Challenge #92 Kickoff meeting on Thursday, October 2, 2014, the Assessment framework was voted upon and approved by the project team. This model will now be used for fall term Field testing, with the understanding that the larger project team will be kept apprised of the implementation methods being tested.

Under the leadership of Associate Dean of CLAS, Dr. Shelly Chabon, the Assessment team - led by Dr. Nike Arnold, designed an assessment plan that informs, guides, and honors best practices while offers flexibility for departments to tailor the plan to be responsive to their own needs and outcomes.

More information will follow in the coming weeks. To read more about the history and progress of the Provost Reframing Challenge Project #92, “Giving Credit Where Credit is Due”, please visit: www.pdx.edu/oai/provosts-challenge-projects-92

AAC&U’s Initiative – Building Faculty Leadership to Improve Student Learning Outcomes
This press release outlines an initiative that will positively impact multiple states, including Oregon:
http://www.aacu.org/pressreleases/2014/faculty-collaboratives

Perspectives – Enrollment Management and Student Affairs (EMSA)
In our vision of assessment, we promote a culture of evidence of student learning and development by conducting and using systematic research and assessment to evaluate our programs and services. To learn more about EMSA assessment, visit: http://www.pdx.edu/studentaffairs/assessment