

**Provost Report for the Month of
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NEASC

Our NEASC Self-Study is complete and has been submitted. Thank you to the hundreds of individuals who served on Chapter teams, wrote, studied, listened, participated in open sessions, and shared input for the report. The NEASC site-visit team, led by Javier Cervillos, President of Kutztown University of Pennsylvania will be on campus November 3-6. Special thanks to Nancy Betchart who has led our self-study process.

CETL Co-Director

For the past year, a working group convened by the Academic Deans has been crafting **The Plymouth State University Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL)**. The CETL working group included: Cathie LeBlanc, Karolyn Kinane, Roger Blake, Hridaya Hall, Wendy Palmquist and Scott Robison. The planning process included a survey of faculty, a review of the literature, and an examination of similar faculty development centers at other institutions.

CETL, located in Lamson Learning Commons, merges and expands the resources of the Frost Faculty Center for Learning & Teaching Excellence and Learning Technologies and Online Education (LTOE). A web site that will serve as a comprehensive faculty resource is under development and will be unveiled this semester.

CETL is co-directed by a faculty member and the Director of LTOE. Current CETL co-directors are Wendy Palmquist and Scott Robison and CETL Advisory Group members include: Cathie LeBlanc, Karolyn Kinane, Roger Blake and Ann Berry. Jini Sparkman was hired in July for 20 hours per week to serve as the CETL administrative assistant.

The CETL plan calls for the appointment of a faculty fellow with a 50% teaching release to serve as the Center Co-director to begin in fall 2014. This position replaces the current faculty position of Director of the Frost Center for Learning and Teaching Excellence. The appointment will be for a three-year term with the possibility of reappointment and an annual commitment of nine months. The position reports to the Office of the Academic Deans and will be opened for applications every three years. The Faculty Co-director cannot serve more than two consecutive terms. Faculty Co-director responsibilities include:

- Development, in conjunction with the LTOE Director, of an annual slate of faculty professional development activities aligned with the University Strategic Plan and in collaboration with faculty, academic departments and colleges, the Provost, the academic deans, the AVP of Undergraduate Studies, and other relevant PSU stakeholders.
- Co-supervision of the CETL website, designed to provide accessible resources related to effective pedagogy, assessment, and course redesign and management across multiple course delivery modes.
- Coordination of peer-to-peer pedagogical resources including the coordination of Reflective Practice Groups and facilitation of cross-campus discussions to identify faculty training needs and interests.
- Advisement regarding emerging pedagogical trends and training needs.
- Representation of PSU in the New England Faculty Development Consortium.

- Co-manage CETL Budget.
- Co-supervise Administrative Assistant.

Task force members

In my September report, I indicated we would be charging several task forces to take on the important work recommended during Faculty Day break-out sessions, Chair's Retreat, and Academic Affairs strategic operational planning this summer. I gave a quick preview in that report. Speaker Lourdes Avilles will be seeking nominees/volunteers for each of these within the next week.

Enterprise Center

Reminder- The multi-year partnership between PSU and Grafton County Economic Development Council (GCEDC) will culminate with **grand opening** of the Enterprise Center at Plymouth scheduled for **October 15**. GCEDC has been responsible for raising the funds, managing the construction project and will continue to oversee the management of the facility. PSU's role in the partnership is in providing programming to support economic development and entrepreneurship. Executive Director and College of Business Administration faculty member, Michael Tentnowski will provide leadership of the business incubator/accelerator along with PSU students and faculty who will work with local businesses. The ECP will serve as a wonderful living, learning laboratory for undergraduate and graduate students engaged in applied service learning activities.

Faculty Scholarship, Awards, Service and News and Updates

The report section at the end of my monthly report is designed to provide a snapshot of faculty scholarship, awards, and significant professional service. In recent months we have been receiving an increasing amount of news such as department updates, professional development activities and other newsworthy events that I have been "cutting" from the report because they did not fit the scholarship, awards, and significant service category. These items are nonetheless noteworthy. Beginning this month, I will send my report with two links, one with Faculty Scholarship, Awards, and Service and one with news and updates from Academic Departments and Offices. This will allow for a broader representation of information. I hope you like the new format. The links are below and will appear at the end of every report.

Click here for:

October 2013, Faculty and Student Scholarship, Awards, and Noteworthy Service Activities

<https://www.plymouth.edu/office/vpaa/1180/october-2013-faculty-and-student-scholarship-awards-and-noteworthy-service-activities/>

October 2013, News and Updates from Academic Offices and Departments

<https://www.plymouth.edu/office/vpaa/1183/october-2013-news-for-academic-affairs-offices/>