We are pleased to invite you to attend the “Outcomes Assessment Workshop.” This event will be held in SUB Ballroom B on Thursday, October 2, 2014, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The event is free of charge and is sponsored by the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education, the Office of the Provost, and the Center for Faculty Excellence. Lunch and refreshments will be served.

To sign up for the workshop, click on the registration link below:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/65ZCFHR

Please RSVP by Friday, September 26, 2014.

WORKSHOP HIGHLIGHTS:

A change in focus from measuring inputs to measuring outcomes by MSU’s accrediting agency, the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU), brings about new challenges. In this workshop, you will learn about and discuss new techniques and proven approaches in a variety of outcomes assessment areas, including: course-level and programmatic assessment of learning outcomes; general education and major fields; high-impact learning practices; competency program assessment; assessment of co-curricular activities/programs; and assessment of student affairs. This will be a hands-on, interactive workshop.

Guest speakers will include Dr. Dave Veazey, Dr. Lee Thornton, Dr. Ron Larsen, and Dr. Nathan Lindsay.

Dr. Dave Veazey currently serves as Director of Assessment, Accreditation, and Research at Pacific Lutheran University (PLU), Tacoma, WA. He has written accreditation reports under the new NWCCU standards for both the University of Alaska Fairbanks and PLU. Recently Dr. Veazey directed the Pacific Northwest Learning Consortium, participated in a 10-month Assessment Leadership Academy where he researched general education learning, and assisted the NWCCU in the development of the Mid-Cycle Evaluation.

Dr. Lee Thornton currently serves as a consultant with NWCCU. He designed the new accreditation process and is the project director of an effort to develop best practices for the reporting of institutional outcomes. Dr. Thornton served as an NWCCU Commissioner from 2000-2006 and is a President Emeritus of Columbia Basin College, Pasco, WA.

Dr. Ron Larsen is Associate Provost at Montana State University with responsibilities in the areas of assessment, accreditation, and program review. While Head of the MSU Department of Chemical and Biological Engineering, he was responsible for developing outcomes-based assessment plans for the department’s academic programs. Dr. Larsen’s engineering background enables him to successfully apply industrial process control concepts to academic assessment.

Dr. Nathan Lindsay is Associate Provost and Associate Professor of Educational Leadership at the University of Montana. His research interests include efforts to enhance the holistic development of students, the improvement of learning and teaching through assessment, and the integration of technology into higher education contexts.
Prior to accepting his current positions, Dr. Lindsay was Assistant Vice Provost for Assessment at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, and Director of Student Life Assessment at the University of North Carolina Wilmington.

Click on the link below for more details about the workshop:


Questions about the Outcomes Assessment Workshop may be addressed to Anne Angermeyer at annea@montana.edu or 994-7136.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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