

Committee on Instruction Report

August 29, 2007

The Committee on Instruction (CoI) has two items to report:

- **University-Wide Learning Goals:**

Recently the need for university-wide learning goals has been raised by various groups including the Assessment Committee and the curriculum committees of both colleges. Such goals are expected by Middle States as part of our assessment program, and will aid in the review of the Common Learning Agenda. CoI has initiated a process for formulating these goals.

This process will proceed as follows: First, a committee composed of the provost, the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, the two academic deans, the chairs of the curriculum committees of the two colleges, and a representative of CoI will draft a set of assessable goals. This group encompasses the full range of academic interests and concerns, but is at a high-enough level to avoid getting trapped in narrow details. We have asked this group to produce a set of goals by the end of September.

The draft goals will be reported to CoI, which will then distribute them to interested committees and groups involving faculty, administration, and student representatives. These interested parties will have an interval in which to provide comments to CoI on the draft goals. CoI will review the comments, make any needed revisions to produce a final proposed set of common learning goals, and report them to the faculty early in the spring semester.

- **Faculty Grade Distribution Reports:**

The Registrar's Office is in the process of releasing faculty grading distribution reports as approved in the February 2007 faculty meeting. The reports have been made available to all department chairs for comment. As soon as we have determined that there are no major issues that need to be addressed, we will release the reports to the entire faculty.