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ELECTRONIC WRITING PORTFOLIO REVISED

Based on surveys conducted with faculty and students in AY07, CASL revised the Electronic Portfolio and took revisions to the campus community for comment in Fall 2007. A web site for faculty comments was created and marketed through email and the University newsletter; members of CASL attended the Dean's Council, Faculty Senate, Council on Academic Affairs, academic councils for each college, and had an open forum to discuss potential changes.

Revisions to the EWP were modeled in part on the program at Washington State University, which has developed a model program.

At the November 1 CAA meeting,

CASL's proposal for changes to the EWP was approved. Beginning in Fall 2008, students will no longer be required to submit documents from certain courses at certain levels. The revised EWP will require all students to submit three papers from any course in which they write an appropriate document. Students will be told to discuss their submissions with their faculty members before submission in order to assure that the papers they plan to submit are appropriate.

Papers will be required to be at least 750 words in length, to be written in standard English, developed in a manner consistent with the demands of the discipline for which it was

PROVOST'S ASSESSMENT AWARDS ANNOUNCED

The winners of the annual Provost's Award for Assessment were announced at the December 11, 2007 meeting of the Council of Deans. Plaques and awards certificates were given to recipients by Provost Lord, who underscored the importance of assessment in assuring that Eastern's programs are "delivering the goods" as we look to reaching the goal of first choice/best in class.

Dr. Lord noted that each of the winners involves the faculty in the assessment of student learning and

have developed their own instruments to make the data meaningful to them. Even more significantly, these programs have used assessment data to improve student learning in their programs.

This year's first place winner was the M.S. in Family and Consumer Sciences—Dietetics program, which will receive \$2500 for its department budget. The award was accepted by Dr. Karla Kennedy-Hagen and Dr. James Painter.

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written, and contain connected writing with development of ideas. Students will no longer be allowed to submit creative pieces such as poems, short stories or plays; pieces written in a foreign language, or pieces that do not contain connected writing, such as lists, outlines, and lesson plans.

Only one submission will be allowed from any one course. Students must submit the first two documents by the time they earn 60 hours; if they fail to do so, a registration hold will be placed at 75 hours. Additional time may be required for transfer students to submit their documents.

Students whose first two submissions indicate that they need improvement will be required to take a diagnostic writing exam. Those whose scores show that they need improvement will be required to complete a writing tutorial designed to improve their

writing skills. Alternately, students whose papers are deemed consistently superior will receive a "pass with distinction" notation on the degree audit system. Students may wish to use this information for their resumes as well. These changes should encourage students to submit their best work to the EWP.

CASL will be working with Academic Affairs and CAA in Spring 2008 to develop policies for students who are following catalogs requiring the current EWP. In addition, CASL will be asking for faculty feedback regarding the revised EWP rubric. The goal is that the rubric will work for papers written in a variety of disciplines.

The revised EWP should be fully electronic beginning in Fall 2008. CASL is working with Danny Harvey and Ryan Gibson in the Center for

Academic Technology Support (CATS) to create an on-line submission system that will be piloted in Spring 2008. CATS is collaborating with the Information Technology Service (ITS) to assure information from Banner can be gleaned in conjunction with the on-line EWP system. It is expected that students will submit and faculty will review submissions in Fall 2008 by logging into the EWP web site and entering their EIU userids.

The on-line EWP will also offer departments the opportunity to use slots in this instrument for additional submissions to be used for departmental assessment purposes. Departments interested in this option will be asked to work with the Center for Academic Support and Achievement on setting up these slots.

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The second place winner, recipient of \$1500 for the department budget, was the B.S. in Physics program. Dr. Jie Zou and Dr. Don Pakey accepted the award for their department.

The \$1000 third place award was presented to Dr. Ebrahim Karbassioon and Dr. Linda Ghent for the B.S. in Economics Program.

FCS and Economics have won assessment awards in the past for their programs' assessment work; this year was the first award given to the Physics department.

CASL congratulates these programs on the fine assessment work they are doing. The plans themselves are available on-line at www.eiu.edu/~assess under "Assessment in the Major."

Front Row: Dean Diane Hoadley, Dr. Karla Kennedy-Hagen, Dr. James Painter, and Dean Mary Anne Hanner; Second Row: President William Perry, Dr. Don Pakey, Dr. Jie Zou, Dr. Linda Ghent, Dr. Ebrahim Karbassioon, and Provost Blair Lord.