



## **THE FOCUS ON STUDENT LEARNING SERIES (FOSL)**

Each semester, the Center for Teaching & Learning organizes a dynamic group of speakers and presenters for the Focus on Student Learning Series. In this special series, professors, staff members and guests initiate and lead a dialogue on a colorful variety of topics related to contemporary teaching and learning. Contact the CTL for more information at 876-5461.

**The Fall 2005 FOSL series will focus on assessment-related topics. Many new faculty and staff have joined us since our 2002 reaccreditation visit. We encourage those who are not familiar with our assessment process to attend these events. *Please be reminded that assessment reports are due on November 1, 2005.* Mark your calendars now to attend one of these upcoming events!**



- **What is Assessment and why is it important?**

This session will review assessment's connection to student learning, components of a good plan and report, and ways departments and units can assess their goals.

Presented by Dr. Patricia Dwyer, Dean of Teaching & Learning

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2005 12:05 – 1:00pm in the RUMSEY ROOM**

- **Assessment doesn't have to mean Standardized Tests**

Assessment activities are often more meaningful when they are embedded in course assignments. Come learn about ways to construct assignments that can be used for program assessment.

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2005 8:00 – 9:00 am in the RUMSEY ROOM**

- **Learning goals are for everyone!**

A hallmark of Shepherd's assessment program is that academic support units as well as departments assess learning goals. Find out ways that learning goals can be included in offices outside of academic departments.

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2005 12:05 – 1:00 pm in the RUMSEY ROOM**

- **Capstone Courses: Celebrating Learning**

Most departments have incorporated Capstone Courses into their curriculum as a way to assess program learning goals. Portfolios, projects, research papers, exhibits, recitals and internships can be exciting ways to have students demonstrate their knowledge and skills. Join in discussion with departments who have developed these courses.

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2005 8:00 – 9:00 am in the RUMSEY ROOM**

