

University Assessment Steering Committee's  
Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Publication Workshop  
Friday, May 30, 2008  
8:00 am – 3:00 pm  
College of Health and Human Services

On May 30 the University Assessment Steering Committee held its first Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Publication workshop. The workshop was devoted to invited faculty and staff whose research includes student learning and whose work in the area of assessment for program improvement is prime material for inclusion in the scholarship of teaching and learning.

Presenters offered advice, resources, and solutions to remove obstacles from the writing-publishing process, moving the results of scholarship to publication. Each of the five presenters brought a different perspective to writing, peer review, and publication in the context of tenure and promotion.

Twenty-two faculty and staff attended, representing Western Michigan University colleges and departments campuswide (see back).

At the end of the day, participants had “next step” action plans for a publishable manuscript in an appropriate journal. In addition, the vice provost and provost made available resources to faculty and staff, who attended the workshop, the opportunity to submit manuscripts of substance for a consultation by Janet Andersen, President of Beyond Words, Inc. Ten participants declared their intentions of submitting solid draft manuscripts to Ms. Andersen for review by December 31, 2008.

One goal of the workshop is that by May 30, 2009, journal editors will have sent three of the workshop's participants acceptance notices. Another goal is that of increasing the number of WMU faculty serving as peer reviewers for Scholarship of Teaching and Learning journals.

Presentations:

1. *The Manuscript Review Process in a Teaching and Learning Journal*  
*One-on-One Advice on Manuscripts and the Peer-Review Process*  
Dr. David Malik, Chancellor's Professor, Chemical Education and Physical Chemistry, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis
2. *Planning to Publish in Peer-Reviewed Journals*  
Ms. Janet Andersen, President, Beyond Words, Inc.
3. *Finding the Right Journal for Your Manuscript*  
Mr. Edward Eckel, Science Reference Librarian, WMU Libraries
4. *Using Assessment to Enhance Teaching and Learning*  
Dr. Edmund Tsang, Associate Dean for Undergraduate Programs and Assessment, College of Engineering and Applied Sciences  
  
Dr. Betsy Aller, Associate Professor of Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering, College Engineering and Applied Sciences

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