

COES Mentors,

Fall Quarter is half over, so I hope that you have been able to meet at least once with your Mentee this quarter. Take the initiative to arrange your next meeting today! *Research shows that faculty with mentors demonstrate higher levels of research productivity and teaching effectiveness!* As always, the goal of our monthly **e-newsletters** are to provide information on resources, upcoming events, mentoring tips and other items of interest designed to help you be more effective.

***Grab a Cup of Java.** The **COES Come-and-Go Mentoring Coffee** will be next **Tuesday, Oct. 21 from 8 - 10 AM in Room 157 of the Biomedical Engineering Building**. Contact your Mentee and plan to meet there or stop by to visit with other Mentees, Mentors, and the Dean. We will have Starbucks coffee and breakfast pastries, plus a great resource for you.

***Winter Quarter Advising and Registration.** If your Mentee (or you!) advise COES undergraduates, they should have attended one of the mandatory Advising Workshops last week (if not, contact us ASAP). Our goal was to de-mystify the advising process! Remind your Mentee to put a schedule on their door/email their advisees an electronic calendar link **NOW** so that students can sign up for a time to be advised, starting Oct. 17. Advising is time-consuming but an important task worthy of our best efforts!

***ABET.** The ABET reaccreditation visit for our engineering, engineering technology and computer

science programs will be Sun., Oct. 26 - Tues., Oct. 28. Many of your Mentees will be meeting with an evaluator. If so, encourage them to take time to review their program's Self-Study (contact me for a copy) and talk with their Program Chair, so that they will be prepared. I am an ABET Evaluator and always expect that even new faculty are aware of the assessment process!

***Homecoming Football Game.** Come enjoy free food at the COES Homecoming Tailgate Saturday, Nov. 1 against the Western Kentucky Hilltoppers. The game will be televised, so game time is still TBD. Tailgating lasts from 3 to 1 hour before kickoff.

Mentoring Tip for October:

* **Grading Faster and Smarter.** Grading doesn't have to take a boatload of time. Over the years, most faculty learn to structure the way students answer questions and how they grade so that tests and grading are effective but don't take hours of time. There are some great grading tips that you might want to share with your Mentee (along with some tips of your own!) in the Gradhacker blog post "*Grading Faster and Smarter*" by Natascha Chtena at <https://www.insidehighered.com/blogs/gradhacker/grading-faster-and-smarter>

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