Thank you for agreeing to serve on the Academic Assessment Committee for 2010-2011. This committee is a relatively new group for UW Tacoma, and it plays a critical role in helping us document our achievements with regard to academic assessment.

Last year’s Committee made important progress in a number of areas: articulation of unit and course student learning goals, documentation of the means for measuring student learning and the cycle units will use for reviewing the results of assessment and acting on them.

My expectation is that this year’s committee will build on the foundation established last year, particularly in the following areas:

- Creation of a matrix that shows the relationships between unit student learning goals and course student learning goals
- Identification of metrics that how faculty will judge student accomplishment
- Development of benchmarks that describe the level of achievement students must demonstrate to be considered as having met a particular student learning goal
- Collect and report on the various ways in which your unit (School, Program, or Major) is currently collecting data on student achievement, as defined by the Undergraduate Student Learning Goals (See below).
- Review the results of the National Survey of Student Experience (NSSE) and Collegiate Learning Assessment (CLA) and make a recommendation on how the campus should address the findings.

Thanks again for your service on this important committee. I am available if you have questions about this process, and I look forward to seeing your results.