

COES Mentees,

Fall Quarter is half over, so I hope that you have been able to meet at least once with your Mentor 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 Mentor 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 you advise undergraduates, you 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! Put a schedule on your door/email your 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 you will be meeting with an evaluator. Take time to review your program's Self-Study (contact me for a copy) and talk with your Program Chair, so that you 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 my 30-year academic career, I have honed the ability to structure the way students answer questions and how I grade so that tests and grading are effective but don't take hours of my time. You will find some of these great tips in the Gradhacker blog post "*Grading Faster and Smarter*" by Natascha Chtena at <https://www.insidehighered.com/blogs/gradhacker/grading-faster-and-smarter>. Happy grading!

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