

The **COES Mentoring Program September 2010 Mentor Newsletter** features information on resources, upcoming events, mentoring tips and other items of interest designed to help your Mentee make the most of their time this fall.

* **Use one meeting to discuss/review/revise goals for the 2010-2011 Academic Year.** Encourage your mentee to bring a list of goals in teaching, research and service to one of your early meetings this fall - the more specific, the better. Talk about goals for numbers of proposals (state, federal, specific agencies, collaborators), publications (titles, co-authors, target dates), teaching aspects on which to focus and some strategies to use, one service area where your mentee has a passion for contributing, etc. Acknowledge that plans can change as new opportunities arise, but having specific goals and targets are one of the keys to success!

* **Touch base with your Mentee now to set up a schedule for your meetings for Fall Quarter.** Before everything gets crazy, contact your Mentee to determine the best day/time to meet. If the length and frequency of your meetings in the Spring Quarter worked well, you might want to use the same format. If you feel that you both could benefit from meeting more often or for longer or shorter periods of time, now is a good time to suggest a change in your meeting format. Be sure to make your meetings a priority - they are the key to a successful mentoring relationship! For additional ideas about topics to discuss, check out the Mentor Resources on the COES Mentoring Program website at: http://www.latech.edu/coes/owise_coesmentoring.shtml

* **Encourage your Mentee to participate in the annual COES Gumbofest at the Argent Pavilion at the football stadium.** This is the fall kick-off event for the COES students and faculty. In addition to enjoying some great Louisiana gumbo, it is a chance to see the different types of student organizations and activities we have in the College. I always announce it in my classes and encourage my students to attend, as well. The ticket is a Gumbofest t-shirt. You can purchase them at the Undergraduate Studies Office in Bogard Hall 217 starting the middle of September. Shop early - popular sizes go fast!

Mentoring Tip for September:

* The university uses the open source **Moodle** product as its course management software. Web-based training sessions are available from the CITDL and Mel Corley has hosted training sessions for COES faculty on how to use Moodle. Encourage your Mentee to take advantage of one of these to learn more about effectively using this resource in their classes.

Questions? Contact the OWISE Office at 257-2101 or advance@latech.edu.