

- **Inclement weather at start of winter term...** Thanks all for helping students navigate the unexpected delay to the start of the term. Good exercise for all of us in preparation for campus closure types of events or an individual faculty member's inability to make it to campus.
- **The Educational Psychology Minor...** was endorsed by the Academic and Student Affairs Committee of the Board; it will be presented as a consent item at the January 27 Board of Trustees meeting. After approval at this meeting, it will be sent to NWCCU.
- **NWCCU 7-yr accreditation update...** A draft will be posted at the Provost website – under accreditation. I urge you all to peruse and to send comments/suggestions to Cat McGrew. Once the draft is complete, it will become a public document.
- **Career Advising and Mentorship Opportunities Pilot Project...** Adry Clark and Ella Taylor -- with support from colleagues in Academic Advising, SEP, Multicultural Students, Abby's House, Alumni Relations -- went after and received one of two grants issued by the HECC. OSU received the other one. Will provide funding to add a coordinator for about 15 months to help launch this endeavor.
- **Alumnus feedback...** Wish to give a shout out to the faculty from a satisfied alumnus. Jeremy Vandehey, a 2003 public policy graduate was on campus. Jeremy is the Health Care Policy Advisor to Governor Brown.
- **Closing comment...** academic freedom, 1st Amendment free speech and request for academic civility and integrity in public discourse.