Dear Colleagues,

The UNH Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL) provides services and programs to faculty, teaching graduate students, and staff in an effort to foster excellent teaching and enhance student learning. Below we describe our Fall Talk About Teaching Workshops series.

**Talk about Teaching Workshops:**

Below are the three workshops scheduled for Fall 2015.

**September 17, 12:30pm-2pm (Please register by September 10)**
*Catherine Overson, Associate Director, Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning*

*“Prior Knowledge is More than Content: Skills and Beliefs Also Impact Learning”*

Students’ prior knowledge is an influential predictor of academic learning. Many students come to our classrooms with some prior knowledge (for example, content, skills, beliefs, and attitudes) gained through life and other courses. As it turns out, prior knowledge can either hinder or help learning. For successful learning, prior knowledge should be activated, sufficient, appropriate, and accurate. In this workshop, participants will discuss strategies for a) activating prior knowledge, b) addressing insufficient prior knowledge, c) determining the quality and appropriate levels of students' prior knowledge, and d) correcting inaccurate prior knowledge.

**October 7, 11:30am-1:00pm (Please register by September 30)**
*Neil Niman, Associate Dean, Paul College of Business and Economics and Associate Professor of Economics*

*“On your Mark, Get Set, Gamify!”*

Join us to see how gamification can get students more engaged and excited about learning. It is not about creating games. Rather, it is about using game mechanics to rethink the teaching and learning process. Hear about how these ideas are transforming a course in the Principles of Economics and the entire First-Year Experience for Paul College students. In addition, we will provide some resources that will help you start thinking about how you might gamify your course.

**November 3, 12:30-2pm: (Please register by October 27)**
*Judith Robb, UNH Faculty Fellow in the office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Associate Professor of Education*

*“Department Academic Program Review: Assessing Learning Outcomes in the Major”*

Assessing student outcomes is becoming an increasingly important issue in higher education. Grant agencies, student support sources, accreditation bodies and others
require a clear demonstration of student outcomes. At UNH, we can use these expectations to develop our own measurements of student achievement tied specifically to overall program goals and report the outcomes in our academic program reviews. This workshop provides guidance in clarifying goals for and expectations of our students within individual programs. Be prepared to download program literature on your laptop!

**Space is limited and preregistration is required. Please register to attend one or more of the workshops at our CETL website:**