Orientation Meeting for New Institutions  
August 6–8, 2008

Meeting Goals:

- Help institutions prepare to administer assessments on their campuses in fall 2008 and spring 2009.
- Assist institutions in developing a plan that provides the foundation for disseminating and using data from the study to make changes that will improve student learning. The plan will include how we might link evidence from the Wabash National Study (WNS) with specific campus evidence for assessing the practices and conditions that promote student learning.
- Identify Wabash Study Assessment Scholars at new WNS institutions.

Participant Information:

- We recommend that at least one member of each institutional team bring a laptop computer to use during the meetings.
- The dress for the meetings is casual.
- Athletic facilities are available each day.
- Shuttles between the conference hotel and campus will run throughout the day. A schedule will be provided upon arrival.

Wednesday, August 6

3:30 – 4:30 p.m.  
Registration  
Trippet Hall

4:30 – 5:45 p.m.  
Opening Session  
Hays Hall 104

- Welcome
- Introduction of Center staff, Teagle Scholars, and representatives from 1st and 2nd round WNS schools
- Discussion of conceptual framework for the study and the meetings
- Overview of the Wabash National Study

6:00 – 6:30 p.m.  
Opening Reception  
Hays Hall Atrium

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.  
Dinner  
Detchon International Hall

8:00 p.m.  
Presenters, Teagle Scholars, and Center staff meet  
Trippet 325

Evening  
Free time  
(Wine and beer are available in the Clifford Lounge on the third floor)
**Thursday, August 7**

6:00 a.m.  Allen Athletics Center Facilities Open (Shuttles to the Allen Center begin at 5:45 from hotel)  Allen Athletic Center

7:30 – 8:45 a.m.  Breakfast  Detchon International Hall

9:00 – 10:30 a.m.  Plenary Session on Administering the WNS  Hays Hall 104

- Fall Assessment Sessions
- Communicating with Students
- Overall Best Practices
- Incentives
- Planning for Spring Assessment Sessions
- NSSE and the WNS

10:30 – 10:45 a.m.  Break  Hays Hall Atrium

10:45 – 12:30 p.m.  Break-Out Session #1  Locations:

- Group A – New College of Florida, Wheelock College, and Blackburn College with Frank Boyd and Kyle Long  Detchon 111
- Group B – Worcester State College, Augustana College, and College of the Holy Cross with John Ottenhoff  Detchon 112
- Group C – Drew University, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, and Alverno College with Bruce Serlin  Detchon 212
- Group D – Bard College at Simon’s Rock, Marlboro College, and Bennington College with Michael Reder  Detchon 209
- Group E – Community College of Rhode Island, University of Rhode Island, and Millersville University with Carol Trosset  Detchon 211
- Group F – Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Prescott College, and Warren Wilson College with David Paris  Detchon 220

- Session will begin with Institutional Introductions
  - Introduction of team members
  - Two-minute overview of your institution, including its unique features.
- Institutions will discuss and determine their institution-specific goals for the Study including connecting to institutional measures of outcomes and specific programs.
Thursday, August 7

- After one hour, groups will pair up to report out on institutional goals and ways to connect the study to the campus:
  - Groups A & B
  - Groups C & D
  - Groups E & F

12:30 – 2:00 p.m. Lunch and free time
(The Buffet will be available in Detchon from 12:30–1:30 pm)

2:00 – 3:30 p.m. Plenary Session on WNSLAE Data
- Timelines for Reporting
- Sample Data
- Examples of what schools have done with their data

3:30 – 3:45 p.m. Break
3:45 – 6:00 p.m. Break-Out Session #2
(After initial group meeting, institutional teams will work on their own at various locations; see note about locations below)
- We will begin this session as a group and review the sequence of events during the four years of the study (site visits by Center teams, workshops, support from Teagle Scholars, etc.) and some of the resources available to institutions.
- Institutions will then develop specific plans for dealing with WNS Data
  - How do we disseminate the data on campus?
  - What do we do with the data?
  - What are the possible obstacles on campus and how can they be overcome?

All of the rooms previously used in Detchon are available, as are rooms 120, 128, 226 and the 2nd floor balcony area of International Hall. Hays Hall 106 and 107 are reserved. There are also good seating areas in the common areas of Hays Hall and Trippet Hall. You might enjoy some of the outdoor areas around Hays and the front porch of Trippet if the weather is nice. If you would like assistance finding a room for your institutional team to meet, please ask a Center of Inquiry staff member.

6:00 – 6:30 p.m. Break for institutional teams
(Presenters, Teagle Scholars, and Center staff meet to review the day and plan for Friday in Trippet 325.)

6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Dinner
(Detchon International Hall)

Evening
Free time or institutional teams continue to work on their plans
(Wine and beer are available in the Clifford Lounge on the third floor)
**Friday, August 8**

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<td>• Institutions will present their plans to one another and talk about concerns or questions they have.</td>
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<td>Final Session</td>
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<td>• Discuss questions and concerns related to institutional plans</td>
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**Prior to Departure**

Each institution should send electronic versions of the documents created at each breakout (their institutional goals, their institutional data plans, and questions or concerns) to Kelly McDorman at mcdormak@wabash.edu

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