On September 22, 2008, the Assessment Oversight Committee (AOC) conducted an assessment review of the Health and Physical Education program. Dr. Colleen McCabe, program coordinator, presented the report. She identified the tools used by Health and Physical Education to assess its teaching emphasis major, its health promotion major, its general education requirement, and its staff evaluation. (The latter two areas were not required by the AOC.) These tools include the PRAXIS II exam, a Wellness Survey, student evaluation tools, and staff goal-setting activities. Dr. McCabe discussed the results of these tools, with particular attention to the PRAXIS II exam and the Wellness Survey. She noted areas of concern that were identified and addressed. Although the report omitted this, she told the committee that the program was recently re-accredited by NCATE without reservation.

The AOC commends Dr. McCabe and the Health and Physical Education program for an excellent assessment report. Much of the assessment work began under Dr. McCabe’s leadership as program coordinator, and she deserves to be praised for it. The most significant suggestion that the AOC makes is that a revised assessment report include a comment that the Health and Physical Education program was recently re-accredited by NCATE. Dr. McCabe promised to revise the document accordingly. The committee also suggests that the Wellness Survey be used to determine if there are deficiencies in meeting specific learning outcomes.