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Welcome to the New Year and the new semester. ONTrack is an e-bulletin sent to tenure track faculty, faculty mentors, department chairs, and deans containing information about resources for faculty development and opportunities for scholarship and effective teaching. Please let me know of any topics that you would like to see here.

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Topics include:

- 1) **NEW Faculty Mentoring web page** at: <http://www.facultymentoring.neu.edu>
- 2) **Senior Faculty Advisors – an additional resource**
- 3) **COACHE Survey**
- 4) **Toot Your Own Horn**
- 5) **Repeated ONTrack Emails**
- 6) **Upcoming Events - Tenure workshop is rescheduled**

- 1) **NEW Faculty Mentoring web page** at: <http://www.facultymentoring.neu.edu>.

This is the official launch of the new faculty mentoring web page. We are in 'trial' mode until March at which point we will revamp based on your comments. Please poke around, check it out, refer to it, and send us your comments (avpfa@neu.edu).

2) **Senior Faculty Advisors.** A group of senior faculty has been convened as an additional resource for tenure track faculty. This is a group of five faculty. Each Senior Faculty Advisor brings extensive administrative experience with regard to University processes including tenure and promotion. Senior Faculty Advisors have been selected based on their broad exposure, administrative experience, confidentiality, and integrity. Feel free to contact one of the Senior Faculty Advisors if you have a situation that requires a broad university perspective. See: http://www.facultymentoring.neu.edu/senior_advisors.

3) **COACHE Survey.** Northeastern is participating in a Harvard study related to new faculty job satisfaction. Over 8,000 tenure track faculty from around the country are being surveyed. Your responses are important to us so that we can improve the tenure track experience here at Northeastern and know how we compare to other schools. Feel free to contact Luis Falcon (l.falcon@neu.edu) if you have any questions. An additional reminder with your link to the survey will be sent by 1/18. The survey is only available until Tuesday 1/31.

4) **Toot Your Own Horn.** Knowing how to tactfully and appropriately get your name out into the community is a valuable skill. Let us know if you present a paper, have a book proposal accepted, have an upcoming exhibition or performance, receive a grant, are quoted in the paper, and so on by completing the form at: http://www.facultymentoring.neu.edu/faculty_highlights/brag_form.

5) **Repeated ONTrack Emails.** Did you receive more than one ONTrack email? If so, it may be because you are a mentor to multiple tenure track faculty or you may be a mentor as well as an administrator. The system is set up to email each tenure track faculty member once, their mentors and key administrators in each college. Thus, faculty who are mentors to more than one faculty member are destined to receive multiple ONTrack emails. Please bear with us and delete the extra emails, or all of the emails if that is your inclination.

6) **Upcoming Events.**

* Tenure Workshop: This workshop has been rescheduled for March 1, 2006 from noon - 2pm in the McLeod Suites.

* End of Year Luncheon for tenure track faculty and mentors: Wednesday April 19 (noon-2pm) in the Raytheon Amphitheatre.

* EdTech Workshops: Intro to teaching with technology (1/12) and Building a BlackBoard site (1/24). Call x3157 for more information.