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Letter from the Director

Welcome to the seventh edition of the ASSIST Transfer Channel, a semi-annual newsletter for counselors, advisors, faculty, evaluators, articulation officers, and everyone else who is interested in the latest information about ASSIST.

We're e-mailing this edition via the ASSIST-Channel-L@uci.edu e-mail listserv and would appreciate your forwarding it on to any others at your campus who you think might be interested. If you would like to have future editions of the ASSIST Transfer Channel automatically delivered via e-mail, please check out the Subscribe section of this edition for instructions. We've posted a copy on the ASSIST Information Center at info.assist.org/transferchannel.html where you'll also find previous editions. If you haven't read past editions, you may find additional information that would be useful to you and your students.

This edition includes an article especially oriented to students entitled "Five Questions" that answers some of the most frequently asked questions we receive from students. Feel free to print copies of this article and hand them out in Transfer Centers and other key places on campus. You can also find previous student-oriented articles to print out for your students in the newsletter archives Web page referenced above.

The 2006-07 academic year was another record-breaker for ASSIST in which over 1.1 million people viewed over 9.7 million articulation reports from July 2006 through June 2007. Activity on the site is heating up again as students plan for the upcoming CSU and UC admissions application deadlines and plan for spring 2008 classes. We're continuing to see a steady increase in Web site activity and we thank all of you who are getting the word out to record numbers of students that they should be referencing ASSIST early and often.

Over this past year, one of our primary concerns has been ensuring that the server computers that run ASSIST are fast and dependable. We're now in the final stages of replacing all of the primary Web application and database server computers that run ASSIST services. These upgrades will also include adding ASSIST server computers to an improved power source that has longer battery life and diesel generator powered backup service in the event of a power outage. At this point, we're anticipating a final cut-over some time in mid-December if all goes well. Once this happens, you should start seeing a dramatic increase in the speed of the Web site. We will also be able to rest easier knowing that in the unfortunate event that a server dies, or is somehow oth-

erwise disabled, we have backup servers being updated nightly that are waiting in the wings to take over within a very short time.

Thanks for continuing to promote ASSIST with students and your colleagues and please feel free to contact us at (949) 824-4385 if you have suggestions, comments, or questions. You can tune into the next edition of the ASSIST Transfer Channel in spring 2008 - until then. . .

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