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### The future looks bright as familiar faces take on new leadership roles in the School of Dentistry

**Esther Valenzuela**, an LLU veteran of thirty-five years will serve as the new Assistant Dean of Student Affairs. **Mark Estey**, DDS 1998, current Director of the International Dentistry program brings his expertise to his new position as the Assistant Dean of Academic Affairs, and **Rob Handysides'** passion for excellence will serve him well in his assignment as the new Dean of the school. Click [here](#) to read their personal responses to *Academic News & Insights* (ANI) questions.

## Want To Improve Your Courses? Faculty Development Opportunities Are Available this Summer!

At last fall's Faculty Colloquium faculty requested to have faculty development opportunities provided during the summer when they have more time to make changes to their courses and materials then only at the Colloquium. Take advantage of these free learning opportunities and make a commitment to upgrade to at least one course this summer! Please click [here](#) to see the schedules for technical training sessions, Magna webinars, and archives for past LLU workshops and training sessions.

## WSCUC - The Thematic Pathway for Reaffirmation (TPR)

WSCUC has developed a new accreditation affirmation process for institutions that received 9-10 years for their last accreditation reaffirmation cycle. Because LLU received 10 years for our WSCUC 2010 cycle, we have accepted the opportunity to participate in this new process being piloted for institutions whose next visit will be in 2020. For more information please review the following documents: Presentation on [WSCUC TPR Process](#); [WSCUC TPR FAQs](#).



## LLU Well-Represented at WASC ARC

Loma Linda University was well represented in the WASC Academic Resource Conference (ARC) this past April in Burlingame, CA. Three presentations were given by LLU faculty and administrators. The presentations were all well received. Click [here](#) to read a brief description of each one. The next WASC ARC will be April 10-12, 2019 in Garden Grove, CA.

# INSIGHTS



*Hansel Fletcher, PhD*

## Hansel's Wholeness Connection

Dr. Hansel Fletcher is currently the Assistant Dean for Graduate Student Affairs in the School of Medicine. He is also Professor and Vice Chair for the Department of Basic Sciences, Division of Microbiology and Molecular Genetics and also holds Program Director position in the Division. Dr. Fletcher recently shared his thoughts on Wholeness at the Faculty Showcase and the positive response from colleagues is evidence that we still seek inspiration and ideas to practice wholeness. Please click [here](#) to read a synopsis of his presentation "My Experience – Handling Stress". 🤝

## Laura's Blog

Laura Alipoon, Department Chair for Radiation Technology at the School of Allied Health Professions, is a frequent contributor to the Newsletter. In this issue, Dr. Alipoon blogs about her travels and how the seemingly simple things she encounters causes her to have her Wholeness pauses. Click [here](#) to read "A Quiet Place to Rest". 🤝





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