Board of Visitors Report

Now complete, the 2010 LRDC Board of Visitors evaluation of the Center is favorable on many fronts. Chair Leona Schauble describes the Board’s impression of LRDC as a “cohesive Center that exhibits financial and conceptual stability, but has also moved confidently to embrace positive change.”

The five-page report, sent to both outgoing Provost Maher and incoming Provost Beeson, remarks positively on the “smooth and successful transition” from the directorship of Lauren Resnick to Chuck Perfetti. The report goes on to detail four areas of LRDC it is “particularly impressed” with: the quality of research conducted here, both basic and applied; interdisciplinary collaborations, particularly those fostered by the Internal Grants program; the Executive Committee and its “extremely thorough, systematic approach to strategic planning and hiring; and LRDC’s influence on education within the world of practice.

The Board also identified two areas where LRDC could strengthen its contributions. One, the Board encourages LRDC to integrate its research efforts across areas and points out that LRDC is almost without peer in its unique position to achieve cross-disciplinary integration. Two, the Board urges LRDC, along with the university, to devote some thought to enhancing the career opportunities of non-faculty scholars. Read the full report here.

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