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- Vice Provost for Institutional Effectiveness--that's the title Eileen Evans carried for the past seven years of her more than 30 years of service to Western Michigan University.
- A tenured professor of English, Eileen's roles over those 30 years have included
 - A faculty position in the Department of Business Information Systems,
 - Coordinator of our Writing Lab
 - Director of research administration,
 - Associate dean of the Graduate College, and
 - Interim vice president for research
- It is in her current role that Eileen has had her greatest lasting impact. She has made sure we are effective, well reviewed, HLC-accredited, NCAA-certified and thoroughly assessed. How big a job was that? For those who like simple visuals to frame their metrics, I urge you to recall the sheer size and weight of the WMU self-study done in preparation for the last HLC visit.
- Eileen's territory is perhaps best described in acronyms--NSSE, FSSE, VSA, HLC, NCAA, CLA and NCA.
- For Eileen in her role as our institutional effectiveness leader, campus life is all about outcomes. One outcome of Dr. Eileen Evans' tenure at Western Michigan University is the emerging culture of assessment that she has worked so hard to nurture. We move forward as a more thoughtful and analytic university because of

the quality of her leadership on that front.

- In 2009, Eileen earned a Distinguished Service Award for her work on this campus. There were some underlying themes for those who nominated and supported her for that award. Her professionalism and leadership qualities were one theme. The other was her extraordinary compassion and love for this University. For my money those qualities represent the kind of assessment we always want associated with our University community.
- Thank you, Eileen, for your thoughtful and thorough leadership. And thank you for your willingness to continue your involvement as we move forward with such initiatives as the 2012 HLC focused visit.
- I'm going to stop speaking now. It's always dangerous to tempt fate when you are in the company of someone who is continually assessing and contemplating the effectiveness of what she is seeing and hearing. Let's just call this short set of presidential remarks another successful outcome of the Evans Era. Thank you.