Initiatives for Enhancing the FYE in Scripps College of Communication (revised 1/13/08)

Learning Communities (fall quarter)
• 125 participants in five communication-specific learning communities (2008)
• 70 participants in three communication specific learning communities (administered by University College, new for 2008)
• All students live together in Washington Hall
• Each cohort of 25 students take at least two classes together (public speaking and learning community seminar)
• Faculty-led seminars with media emphasis
• Peer mentors meet with students outside of class for social or major-related activities
• Seminar speakers on wide range of topics such as student organizations, study abroad, GRID Lab, and winter quarter registration

Student Orientation (Precollege)
• Three-week (15 sessions) summer orientation
• 540 new Scripps College first-year and transfer students (and their parents) welcomed
• Associate directors advised all first-year participants in small group sessions and helped them register for fall quarter
• Assistant Dean met with parents

Welcome Week (beginning of fall quarter)
• Attended by more than 500 first-year students
• Official welcome to Scripps College by Assistant Dean
• Official welcome by directors/assistant directors from each of the five schools in Scripps College
• Student organization presentations
• First-year students (later) separated by school for school-specific presentations
• School of Communication Studies treats students to lunch
• Topics covered: academic expectations in college; how to effectively communicate with faculty; life on the OU campus, college website and QA sessions

Advising
• Only faculty advisors give out DARS/RAC
• Regular assessment of advising effectiveness
• Mid-year orientations for transfer students (two sessions in December/January for winter quarter; one session in March for spring quarter; one session in June for summer quarter)

Curriculum
• All first-year students required to take first-year introduction course offered in each of five schools in Scripps College

Extracurricular
• “Meet the Dean” socials (sponsored by the Student Senate)
• Socials sponsored by each of five schools in Scripps College
• Scripps Notes (electronic and print newsletter) published by the E. W. Scripps School of Journalism
• Regular email announcements from Assistant Dean and the Alumni and Internship Coordinator in the Scripps College
• Digital signage in Radio-Television Building, Scripps Hall and Seigfred Hall