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Colleagues,

It's hard to believe it's already December and that the fall semester is quickly coming to a close. Thank you for all you've done this semester to help shape the integrated clusters and to engage with partners in open lab like experiences. The Center for Business and Community Partnerships (CBCP) reports they are actively working on over 100 partnerships involving nearly 217 students and 24 faculty and staff members. You did that. Participation in campus conversations around structure and curriculum has been strong as have submissions of cluster projects through which our students can engage in clusters.

The integrated clusters website has the latest news on cluster happenings—it also has a new look and feel. **Check it out!** (Thanks Matt Kizer and Denise Hutchins) January is a time when many of us have more freedom in our schedules to come together—keep an eye on the calendar for events. We also invite you to plan events of your own. Contact **Kristen Hersom** if you need assistance with planning.

One event we want to draw your attention to is January Jamboree 2.0, January 18-19<sup>th</sup>, 2017. January Jamboree has traditionally been a time faculty gathered in reflective practice and workshops focused on pedagogy. That tradition continues, and adds professional development for staff and faculty/staff together. That's Jamboree 2.0!

Using the model and feedback from last fall's University Days, the Center for Transformation through teaching, leadership & lifelong learning, Lamson Learning Commons, and ITS Client Services are planning this two-day campus conference. Cluster sessions will be on the schedule as well. If you have ideas about sessions that should be offered, please contact **Josh Perks**. More information to follow!

Finally, we hope you'll join us for the second integrated clusters structure forum tomorrow in the Bradford Room, Centre Lodge from 9:00-10:30. This session will largely be a repeat of the session held on November 16<sup>th</sup>. We have used feedback from that session to further our thinking, so you may find it worth attending a second time.

Wishing you a good start to the holiday season,

Cynthia, Gail, and Robyn

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