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Dear Faculty,

Based on feedback from students, faculty, and staff, we have changed the name of Peru State’s Early Warning System to Early Alert. You will find the referral and cancellation forms at http://www.peru.edu/academics/faculty-resources/forms-documents.htm updated to reflect this change.

To retain the “early” aspect of the early alert, please discontinue referrals once the last day to withdraw from the course with a W (the LDW) has passed. The LDW marks the 60% point of progression through the course, and we have observed that students who are failing that far into the course generally benefit little from the ‘heads up.’

Also based on feedback, we suggest focusing primarily on 100- and 200-level courses for early alerts. If upperclassmen and graduate students are struggling (especially if they have performed well in the past), please consider whether a direct referral for counseling and/or other supportive services might be better received than an early alert.

Also, please remember to cancel the alerts if the students improve their performance. Students seem to appreciate the positive reinforcement.

Full-time faculty can find our CATS program review in the iResearch folder on the R-Drive (Assessment > Student Affairs Assessment > CATS > CATS Program Review 2012-13). The Early Warning analysis begins on page 19. Dan Fender will continue to manage the early alert system this year.

Thank you for participating in this collaborative effort to identify and offer intervention to students who are at risk of failing.

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