**Changes /Curriculum:**

There have been some changes in our course offering in the last year. Our offering of Introduction Chemistry has increased, mainly due to the fact that Chemistry has become a prerequisite to Principal of Biology. Students must have an understanding of the fundamentals of chemistry so that they will understand Biology; therefore, the Biology department requests Chemistry be a pre-requisite to Principal of Biology. This way Biology faculty would be able to spend more time on Biology concepts instead of teaching their students fundamental of chemistry.

We also launched the new Chemical Technology program. This program is part of the Training for Tomorrow Grant.

In the fall of 2010, the department developed common syllabus for the Introduction Chemistry course. The department also completely overhauled the Introduction to Chemistry laboratory experiments and manual.

In order to teach students the importance of laboratory safety, in fall 2010, we launched a safety course. The purpose of this course is to familiarize students as to the proper laboratory techniques and etiquette necessary for safety. Students will become familiar with safe laboratory operations and regulations of East Central College and state agencies.