Minutes
IMPROVEMENT OF LEARNING COMMITTEE
Tuesday, December 6, 2005

Present: Carol Sue Butts (Provost), George Smith (acting chair), Mu-Ling Chang, Ben Collins, Martha Drummond, Kevin Haertzen, Osama Jadaan, Esther Ofulue, Nadir Safari-Shad
Absent: Karen Allen, Dick Klawiter, Tom Lo Guidice, Stan Lukowski, Louis Nzegwu, Kristopher Wright

1. Smith convened the meeting at 4:06 in 320 Brigham Hall. Given the agenda’s primary item (NSSE), Smith agreed to serve as secretary for the day.

2. Minutes of November 15, 2005 were approved as distributed.

3. NSSE Data
   Smith distributed and discussed several documents prepared in conjunction with the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) data.
   a. Overview Comments (nature of nominal data, bases for comparison, freshmen vs. seniors, report organization … distributed at previous meeting)
   b. Retyped survey form showing response choices (i.e., as students would’ve encountered online survey items)
   c. Excel spreadsheet of items with statistical significance (freshmen & seniors designated; .001, .01, .05 designated … with comments)
   d. Excel spreadsheet of items with highest means (statistical significance noted)
   e. Excel spreadsheet of items with lowest means (statistical significance noted)

   Group suggested approach to be used in preparing PowerPoint (target: February meeting).

4. Next meeting: Tuesday, February 7, 2006

5. Adjournment at 5:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
G. Smith
Chair/Secretary du jour