Improvement of Learning Committee
Tuesday, March 07, 2006
4:00 p.m. – 320 Brigham

Present: Carol Sue Butts (Provost), Tom Lo Guidice (chair), Ben Collins, Mu-Ling Chang, Kevin Haertzen, Dick Klawiter, Stan Lukowski, Esther Ofule, Nader Safari-Shad, George Smith

Absent: Karen Allen, Louis Nzegwu, Kristopher Wright

Sabbatical: Martha Drummond, Osama Jadaan

Guest: Valerie Wetzel – Pioneer Involvement Center

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. in 320 Brigham, by Tom Lo Guidice.

1. **Appointment of Secretary of the day:** Kevin Haertzen.

2. **Approval of Minutes from February 07, and February 21, 2006 meetings.**

3. **Convocation.** Valerie Wetzel spoke about the upcoming Convocation. Helen Thomas is our speaker: 9-10AM; press conference, 10-11:45AM; speaking and answering audience question; 11:45-12:15PM; book signing, followed by lunch and then off to Platteville High School for another talk. There are 4 open slots for lunch, one of which will be filled by Tom. Need to plan with the subcommittee input for next years speaker. (Kevin, Mu Ling, Esther, and Tom.) Goal: meet in late March to review speaker material, which will be used to draw up a list of potential candidates which the students will then vote on via an online process. Then we meet twice more in early to mid April to work through the process. Valerie stated that our budget is $16,000.00, and some speakers may not be within our budget.

4. **Regents Teaching Excellence Award.** Ben Collins moved that we accept the subcommittee recommendation for the Regents Award for individual and department: Arthur Ranney: Communications Technology, and the Civil and Environmental Engineering Department. The motion was seconded by Dick Klawiter. The motion passed, with 8 in favor, and one abstention (George Smith).

5. **NSSE Data on Seniors.** George informed the committee that the NSSE results are not yet on the web. Tom suggested that we look at best practices. Tom stated that there exist 13-14 NSSE best practices documents (for a cost). On topic was concern about the interplay of prompt feedback and students dropping late. Prompt feedback was a student concern from the data. The issue also arose of the data reflecting student perceptions. Esther asked that we do not reject student views. It was also mentioned that we should celebrate what is going well here, too. George concluded that we have much going for us.
6. **Next Meeting**  
   Tuesday, March 28, 2006  
   4:00 p.m. – 320 Brigham Hall

7. **Meeting Adjourned at 5:10 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Kevin Haertzen  
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