Improvement of Learning Committee
Tuesday, October 3, 2006
4:00 p.m. - 320 Brigham

Present: Laura Anderson, Carol Sue Butts (Provost), Ben Collins (Chair), Gwen Coe, Kevin Concannon, Martha Drummond, Kevin Haertzen, Dick Klawiter, Tom LoGuidice, Esther Ofulue, Rhea Presiado, Sue Price, Echnaton Vedder

Absent: Stan Lukowski, Louis Nzegwu

Guests: Kathy Lomax, Warner Smidt

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. in 320 Brigham Hall by Ben Collins, Chair.

1. Appointment of secretary: Sue Price

2. Approval of minutes: Minutes from the September 19, 2006 meeting were approved.

3. Announcements: There were no announcements.

4. Report from the NSSE/HLC subcommittee: The subcommittee handed out a rough draft of the award for service learning including the purpose, sponsor, eligibility, selection criteria, selection committee, recognition, who may nominate, organization of the application, submission deadline and questions. Much discussion followed. Another draft will be presented to the Improvement Learning Committee (ILC) with noted changes. The main changes included: the name of the award and terminology used to describe the activity involved; an additional statement in the eligibility stating the recipient must use the campus online reporting for service learning; the first criteria listed was eliminated and rewording of the other criteria was suggested; and, the letters of support need to include a current or former student and a community partner.

5. Proposal for studying the Improvement of Learning through issuing laptop computers to students (Warner Smidt): Warner explained to the group that he had gone to John Krogman inquiring about each student being issued a laptop and was informed that the issue had not been addressed on this campus for some time. Warner decided to do some research on this. He shared several handouts with the committee and also shared a draft copy for discussion purposes only of a paper (9-11-06 edition) entitled “Researching the Issuing of Student Laptops” compiled by Warner.

6. Next meeting: Tuesday, October 17, 2006, 4:00 p.m. - 320 Brigham