Improvement of Learning Committee
Tuesday, March 6, 2007
4:00 p.m. – 320 Brigham

Present: Carol Sue Butts (Provost), Ben Collins (Chair), Kevin Concannon, Martha Drummond, Kathy Lomax, Esther Ofulue, Rhea Presiado.


Guests: Val Wetzel, Cara Fish

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

1. Appointment of Secretary of the day: Ben Collins
2. Pioneer Distinguished Lecturer: Val Wetzel distributed a proposed timeline for decisions on next year’s Pioneer Distinguished Lecturer. The subcommittee for that effort is Collins, Nzegwu, and Drummond. Student member O’Connell will also join that subcommittee, and may find a few other student volunteers. The proposed dates for next year’s PDL are April 2 or April 16. The committee expressed a general preference for April 2, but more information will need to be gathered before a final decision.
3. Approval of Minutes: The minutes were approved as distributed.
4. Announcements: Martha Drummond will give a presentation on Tuesday, March 27 at 4 pm in the Lundeen Theater titled “Secrets of Ancient Astronomy: Babylonia to Anglo-Saxon England.” This is a report on her studies during a recent sabbatical.
5. Recommendations for Regents Award for Teaching Excellence: The committee voted to forward the application of the Civil and Environmental Engineering Department.
6. 2007 Faculty Award for Teaching Excellence: The deadline for application was set to be Monday, April 2, at 4:00 pm. The wording of the announcement will be changed to require electronic submission of applications. It was noted that this announcement should have gone out earlier. Collins apologized for not getting to it sooner.
7. Lifetime limit on CIF grants: The committee voted to lift the lifetime limit on CIF grants, effective this year. Future calls for proposals will indicate that preference will be given to applicants who have not recently received grants.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.
Next meeting: Tuesday, March 20, 2007, 4:00 p.m., in 320 Brigham Hall.

Respectfully submitted by,
Benjamin V.C. Collins