Improvement of Learning Committee
Tuesday, April 17, 2007
320 Brigham

Present: Laura Anderson, Carol Sue Butts (Provost), Ben Collins (Chair), Kevin Concannon, Gwen Coe, Martha Drummond, Kevin Haertzen, Dick Klawiter, Tom Loguidice, Louis Nzegwu, Esther Ofulue, Susan Price, Warner Smidt

Absent: Kathy Lomax, Stan Lukowski, Jordan O’Connell, Rhea Presiado,

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by the committee chair.

1. Appointment of Secretary of the day: Susan Price

2. Approval of the minutes of April 3, 2007: Tom Loguidice moved and Esther Ofulue seconded to approve the minutes. Minutes were approved.

3. Announcements: Carol Sue Butts presented two handouts to the committee regarding visit from the Higher Learning Committee. One was the report of the comprehensive evaluation visit from the assurance section and the second one listed the strengths and opportunities for growth. Carol Sue also shared descriptions for two positions. One position is for an executive director, first year experience. UW System has given a position to each campus for retention and accessibility. The other position is for the Associate Vice Chancellor, Dean of Graduate School and Confucius Institute. Tom Loguidice announced the book club to be held on May 8 at 5:30 p.m. at Badger Brothers Café. All are welcome to attend. He also shared that materials had been sent to the Deans about how to deal with the tragedy at Virginia Tech.

4. Request from the University International Education Committee (UIEC): Tom Loguidice, member of the UIEC, shared the request from that committee to consider incorporating an international perspective in the priorities for the CIF/SoTL funds. The question was raised as to what is meant by priority. The discussion lead to moving to the next agenda item which involved the CIF/SoLT form revisions.

5. CIF/SoLT form revisions: Kevin Haertzen shared the suggested revision for the CIF/SoLT form that this year’s subcommittee put together. Discussion followed about weighing priorities or attaching extra points. All were encouraged to review this and send suggestions electronically to Ben. Ben will do a draft for review at the next Improvement of Learning Committee (ILC) meeting.

6. Faculty Award for Teaching Excellence: Tabled to next meeting.

7. TEC Plans for 2007/2008: Tabled to next meeting.

8. Consideration of NSSE results/First-year experience: Ben Collins reported
a proposal was submitted regarding first-year experience. A motion was made by Tom Loguidice that the ILC committee recommends the Provost, together with the Executive Director of the first year experience, the Registrar, the director of the Teaching Excellence Center and other key individuals, work together to complete the proposed activity (activities). The motion was seconded by Susan Price. Motion carried.

9. **Next meeting:** May 1, 4 p.m., Brigham 320 Carol Sue reminded everyone that the discussion regarding sabbaticals must get done at this next meeting. Warner Smidt requested an opportunity to share about the digital conference he recently attended and that consideration is given to the honorarium for the distinguished lecturer. The committee extended thanks to Ben Collins for chairing the committee this year.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Price