Improvement of Learning Committee  
Tuesday, May 1, 2007  
4:00 p.m. – 320 Brigham

**Present:** Carol Sue Butts (Provost), Tom Loguidice (Chair), Kevin Concannon, Martha Drummond, Kevin Haertzen, Dick Klawiter, Jordan O’Connell, Esther Ofule, Warner Smidt, Laura Anderson, Sue Price, and Kathy Lomax.

**Absent:** Gwen Coe, Stan Lukowski, Rhea Presiado, and Ben Collins.

**Guests:** Carlos Wiley, April Fuhr, Cara Fish, Kendall Christian, Val Wetzel.

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m., in 320 Brigham, by Tom Loguidice

1) **Appointment of Secretary of the day:** Jordan O’Connell

2) **Approval of Minutes.** There were no corrections to the previous minutes. Laura Anderson moved for approval of the minutes, and Sue Price seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

3) **Announcements.** Tom Loguidice announced the May 21 TEC program on the 1st year (student) experience, and invited committee members to attend.

4) **Pioneer Distinguished Lecture Recommendations.** Val Wetzel from the Pioneer Involvement Center and Campus Programming and Relations requested the committee rank their top five choices for UW-P 2008 distinguished lecturer, citing the specified criteria, and outlining the online voting poll results, and prices of the potential speakers. April Fuhr spoke in favor of Spike Lee and Jodie Sweetin, citing their potential contributions to the campus climate. The committee spoke in support of the first five choices in that order, and if Spike Lee were financially unattainable, featuring number three vote-getter Herman Boone as the distinguished lecturer, with a Sweetin lecture to follow some time after. Tom Loguidice so moved, and Esther Ofule seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

5) **CIF/SOTL Form Revisions.** Changes made and noted, with the addition of “within the last two years” to Additional Factors on the last page. Kevin Haertzen and Sue Price and Kathy Lomax questioned the separation of “justified” and “complete.” The phrase “Is the budget complete and justified” moved to weight 2 section on the last page. Kathy Lomax asked if a timeline should be included, with Martha Drummond in support. A timeline was added as a new number 5 on the second to last page, with numbers 5-7 now reading 6-8. Number 5 now reads, “A timeline for completing the project.” Tom Loguidice moves to support amended the updated form, seconded by Jordan O’Connell. Motion carried unanimously.
6) **Sabbatical Form Revisions.** Carol Sue Butts outlined the subcommittee’s revisions. Carol Sue proposes additional rating system on criteria, on a scale of 1-4, reading “Approve—1----2----3—-4—Disapprove” Sue Price and Carol Sue support the addition of “for at least one academic year” to end of page 1/number 4. Tom Loguidice moves to support changes to the Form, with the motion carrying unanimously.

7) **Faculty Award for Teaching Excellence.** Kevin Concannon spoke on the selection of Shane Drefcinski, and emphasized his confidence in the selection, citing his experience witnessing firsthand Shane’s excellent teaching methods. Kevin Concannon moved to endorse Shane for the award. Motion carried unanimously.

8) **TEC Plans for 2007/2008.** Tom Loguidice requests input from the committee regarding potential programs the Teaching Excellence Center could put on in the 2007/2008 year. Sue Price noted that engagement in the lecture setting was a cause for concern for her and other professors on campus. Smidle requested programming concerning the use of effective digital technology in the classroom. Drummond requested programming specifically tackling race/ethnicity in the classroom.

9) **Service Learning Award.** B.J. Reed recommended as the recipient of the award, and noted as a strong selection and a good start for the award. Laura Anderson moved to approve Reed as the committee’s selection for the award, seconded by members of the subcommittee. Motion passes unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Jordan O’Connell