Improvement of Learning Committee Minutes  
October 16, 2007

Attendees: Michael Anderson, Stephanie Branson, Shane Drefcinski, Kevin Haertzen, Michael Ira, John Iselin, Osama Jadaan, Justin Kile, Tracey Roberts, George Smith, Warner Smidt, and Adam Stanley.

The meeting began at 4:00 pm.

1. Approval of Agenda—the agenda was approved unanimously.
2. Approval of 10/2/07 Minutes—Smith moved to approve the minutes; Anderson seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.
3. Announcements—none.
4. New business
   a. Tracey Roberts was welcomed as the new academic staff representative.
   b. Loguidice resolution. The following resolution was presented by Haertzen, on behalf of Tom Loguidice:

   Resolution:
   The Assessment Oversight Committee and the Improvement of Learning Committee will work jointly in 2007-2008 (added by Anderson) to prioritize funding Assessment/Curriculum Improvement & Scholarship of Teaching Learning (SoTL) grants and activities that promote reexamination of General Education and Assessment of Learning based on critiques offered by the Higher Learning Commission (Dec.4-6, 2006).

   Smith moved to approve the resolution; Branson seconded. After some clarification and discussion, including a friendly amendment by Anderson to specify that the resolution applies to the 2007-2008 academic year, the motion was passed unanimously.

   c. Sabbatical Subcommittee Report (Ira, Price, and Smith). Smith distributed and summarized the subcommittee’s ratings of the five sabbatical proposals that they received. He noted that all five requests were good, and that the subcommittee recommends that all five receive funding. Branson moved to approve the subcommittee’s recommendations; Anderson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Old business
   a. Ideas for student representation on ILC—deferred for the next meeting.

6. Future concerns
   a. Smith made brief remarks about a recent OPID conference in Madison that he and Alison Bunte attended. He will provide a summary for the next ILC meeting.
   b. Branson raised concerns about the impact of the state budget on the curriculum. Chairs have been told to prioritize the spring 2008 courses and to be prepared to eliminate some upper-division courses. The ILC may need to discuss this at the next meeting.

7. Adjournment—Smith moved to adjourn the meeting; Ira seconded. The meeting adjourned at 4:33 pm.