Attendees:

Michael Anderson
LAE/Education
Alsion Bunte
LAE/Education
Shane Drefcinski
LAE/Humanities
Kevin Haertzen (chair)
EMS/Mathematics
Michael Ira
EMS/Mathematics
John Iselin
EMS/Mechanical & Industrial Engineering
Osama Jadaan
EMS/General Engineering
Justin Kile
EMS/Mechanical & Industrial Engineering
Tom Lo Guidice
LAE/Education
Colleen McCabe
LAE/Education
Sue Price
BILSA/Agriculture
Warner Smidt
BILSA/Industrial Studies
George Smith
LAE/Performing & Visual Arts
Adam Stanley
LAE/Social Sciences
Keith Thompson
EMS/Civil & Environmental Engineering
Announcements:
1. Provost, Dr. Carol Sue Butts is unable to attend today.

New Business:
1. George Smith: OPID meeting follow-up. Smith handed out an update (form) that included a list of upcoming events:
   - NSSE meeting on November 12. Topics include inclusion of campus – specific questions for the next NSSE.
   - Conference Development (CD) Grants.
   - Lesson Study Grants – Alison Bunte - two in now = Environmental Skills and Introduction to Education.
   - Scholarship of Teaching and Learning
   - OPID Spring Conference now every other year and next one will likely be Spring 2009 in Madison.
   - Faculty College – early summer UW-Richland Center.
   - Teaching Fellows / Scholars Program (WTSFP) – Under review.
   - UW System Leadership Site – Online resource with links to activities and topics.
   - OPID information website = http://www.uwsa.edu/opid

2. General Education Standards – Shane Drefcinski:
   - Handout = two pages - five topic areas.
   - Area one = Summary of UWP General Education Assessment. Each area assessed every three years by either Assessment Oversight Committee or Academic Standards Committee.
   - Senior Exit Survey = 76 % return rate and results are posted at http://www.uwplatt.edu/gened/surveyResults/index.html
   - Formal meetings of faculty to assess Gen Ed. to address two questions, what are our student’s strengths and what are their weaknesses.
   - Assessment tools unique to particular competencies = English Composition, Mathematics, and Ethnic Studies.
   - Area two Higher Learning Commission Comments. (See Handout for Details) The general discussion addressed the idea that while there were no specific recommendations about restructuring the General Education program, there were suggestions from the HLC. In combination with the time passed since the last revision, the suggestion is to consider a Gen Ed revision.
   - Area Three – Questions for Discussion - What followed was a lengthy discussion of integrated curriculum, Area Four - General Education Models, in a long discussion of the need for better writing instruction.
   - Writing discussion continued.
   - Area Five – Committee is beginning the process of General Education Curriculum Revision. Implementation is only a suggested date, fall 2010.