Improvement of Learning Committee Minutes (3/4/08)

In attendance: Michael Anderson (LAE), Sue Price (BILSA), Adam Stanley (LAE), Osama Jadaan (EMS), Shane Drefcinski (LAE), Carol Sue Butts (Provost), John Iselin (EMS), Alison Bunte (LAE), George Smith (LAE), Tom LoGuidice (LAE), Keith Thompson (EMS), Michael Ira (EMS), Kevin Haertzen (EMS), Justin Kile (EMS), Colleen McCabe (LAE), Stephanie Branson (LAE)

1) Addition to agenda: Val Wetzel to discuss distinguished speaker for 2009.

2) Announcements:
   a. Tom LoGuidice: TEC Monday (3/11/08) Noon to 1PM Physiological and Psychological Wellness, Platteville West Room.
   b. Tom LoGuidice: TEC Audio to powerpoints: Wednesday (3/13/08) Noon to 2PM, Hempel Collaboratory, Please register in advance
   c. Carol Sue Butts: Referendum on campus smoking policy. Voting will take place on Thursday to decide if smoking will be banned in the academic section of campus.
   d. Carol Sue Butts: April 2nd, distinguished speaker, Herman Boone, classes will be canceled from 10 to noon.
   e. George Smith: Spring OPID meeting this Friday in Madison
   f. Val Wetzel: 4/21/2008 Myth Busters will be on campus 6:30PM, admission is free but tickets are required from the box office. EMS students can get tickets 4/7, all students can get tickets 4/8, faculty, staff, and public can get tickets 4/9 until they are gone.
   g. Stop the Hate train the trainer, May 28-30, 2008, Chancellor’s office has provided 10 free registrations.

3) Val Wetzel: Distinguished lecturer for spring 2009:
   a. A subcommittee of the ILC has been chosen
   b. Student subcommittee from the student senate will be chosen.
   c. Two meeting will be held in April
   d. Solicit suggestions for students, staff, faculty, and public. Her office will eliminate suggestions that cannot be considered due to cost. Subcommittees will further shorten the list.
   e. Budget: SUFAC provides $17K, which is then augmented up to approximately $30K.
   f. Reviewed ILC criteria.
   g. Once ILC, Athletic departments, Platteville High School restrictions are considered April 1, 2009 appears to be the best date.
   h. Will return May 6, 2008 with recommended speakers.

4) Shane Drefcinski, updated us on the status and committee work regarding “The Essentials Learning Outcomes”. See future editions of the Intercom and an upcoming Blog site.

5) Tom LoGuidice: Book Club Recommendations concerning teaching first year college students. See the handout of 13 points.
   a. Items 2, 4, 6, and 8 are being addressed by Joanne Wilson
   b. Items 3 and 5 are at least in part being addressed by the general education task force
c. ICL will address items 1 and 7 at the 4/1/08 meeting, and items 12 and 13 at the 4/15/08 meeting.

d. Concerning item 13, the TEC has $400 stipends as “reward”: 2 faculty looking at student engagement and 2 faculty looking at service learning.

e. Discussion of how we choose faculty for first year students, resulted in no consensus, but rather it appeared to vary from college to college.

6) George Smith: OPID Grants
a. Information regarding grants has been distributed via Kathy Lomax’s office
b. 2 Grants: Closing the Achievement Gap and Replicating Existing Programs. There are two proposals for each grant from UWP. Carlos Wiley and Tammy Salmons-Stevens are each preparing one for the first and Joanne Wilson and George Smith are each preparing one for the second.

c. Discussion of the unpredictable deadlines and the review process. Submittal deadlines for UWP is 4/1/08 and for system is 4/15/08.

d. The review subcommittee was revised as George Smith recused as he is submitting a proposal. Keith Thompson volunteered to serve.

e. Carol Sue Butts will work with the subcommittee to expedite the review process.

f. Osama Jadaan volunteered to chair the subcommittee. The subcommittee consists of Adam Stanley, Warner Schmid, Osama Jadaan, Alison Bunte, and Keith Thompson.

g. The close deadly will probably necessitate that the whole ILC not see the proposals.

h. Conference Development Grants are due at system on 4/4/08. Kathy Lomax has not released information to date. The subcommittee will need to review these and then send them to Kathy Lomax.

i. Submittals must be electronic

j. It was suggested that a recommendation to OPID should be made that there be a fixed date each year, possible April 15, for these proposal deadlines so that they are predictable.

7) Kevin Haertzen: CIF and SoTL grant proposals will need to be reviewed between 4/1 and 4/15. Likely to be done by subcommittee.

8) Meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.