Improvement of Learning Committee
Tuesday, October 7, 2008
4:00 p.m. – 1510 Ullsvik Hall

Attendance:

M. Keith Thompson  Carol Sue Butts  Amy Parsons
Nader Safair-Shad  Kevin Haertzen
David Schuler  George Smith
Ahyoung Kim  Joanne Wilson

Kevin Haertzen chaired the meeting and Amy Parsons took minutes.

Minutes:

1. Minutes from Sept. 16th meeting approved.

2. Announcements:
   a) Discussion about contacting members of the committee who have been absent to see if they can still serve, and how to replace them if necessary.
   b) Ribbon cutting for new engineering building set for December 13.
   c) Changes in due dates from the System move those items scheduled for April 7 meeting to Feb. 3 meeting.
   d) Discussion of rough draft of TEC flier for Spring activities.

3. New Business:
   a) Discussion of applications for sabbatical. Recommendations of the committee with go to the provost on 10/24. There was also a discussion about procedures for how sabbaticals are awarded and funded by departments.
   b) Report on OPID Fall meeting:
      a. There was a presentation on the Teaching Fellows/Teaching Scholars Programs and some concern over tightened budgets.
      b. Possible initiative (topic pending) to be announced in Spring.
      c. Discussion of Faculty College in Richland Center 5/26-29.
      e. Executive Council members had talked about compiling a book of “best practices,” which has been completed. This should be available soon, and there was a suggestion that TEC organize a book launch.
f. Report on NESSE and some discussion of doing advising surveys here on campus.

c) General Education Task Force Summary
   a. Looked at developing different models and outcomes for Gen Ed. The task force does not want to dictate to departments, but work with them to clarify language and set priorities for general education across campus. Shane Drefcinski provided a summary of other General Education models most similar to Platteville.
   b. Joanne Wilson reported on a System-wide draft of shared learning goals for General Education, along with those suggestions from Platteville about how to revise and improve this draft.

4. Next Meeting:
   Tuesday October 21, 2008
   4:00 p.m. – 1510 Ullsvik Hall

The meeting adjourned at 4:55.