Improvement of Learning Committee

Tuesday, January 20, 2009

4pm, 1510 Ullsvik Hall

Present: Carol Sue Butts, Kevin Haertzen, Ahyoung Kim, Amy Parsons, Matthew Roberts, George Smith, Adam Stanley, Keith Thompson, Joanne Wilson.

Meeting convened at 4:02pm.

2. Provost Butts distributed *Follow Up on the Cost of Textbooks Executive Summary*, prepared by “the UW system Office of Operations Review an Audit”. She stressed that several UW campuses now operate textbook rental programs and the Board of Regents is pushing the UW campuses to adopt the renting system for students’ cost savings.
3. Provost Butts had no new news on budget issue.
4. Smith announced upcoming events in Teaching Excellence Center (TEC). The post contains improved explanation about the meaning of high and low indices.
5. Smith notified that his presentation at December meeting on NSSE report is now posted on the TEC website. The post contains more explanations about the meaning of high indices and low indices.
6. Smith also distributed copies of PowerPoint presentation file on NSSE UW-Platteville 2008 results, *NSSE 2008 Overview with appendices A, B, C, D*, and a sheet with tables comparing UW-Platteville with three other UW campuses and comparing first year students with senior students.
7. Discussion took place regarding how to share the concerns exposed by the NSSE results.
   - Provost Butts reminded that UW-Platteville campus has more male students than female, and suggested to make comparison between male and female students on each result.
   - Smith is planning to give a presentation of the NSSE report for the TEC at an OPID meeting in Milwaukee.
   - Smith reported that Lo Guidice is proposing a one day faculty retreat to more closely examine the NSSE data.
   - The following motion was made by Smith and seconded by Haertzen: The Improvement of Learning Committee (ILC) supports Tom Lo Guidice’s proposal for a one day retreat focusing on the NSSE data, sponsored by the TEC. Motion passed unanimously.
   - Committee discussed the possibility of sharing the NSSE results with students through: (i) seminars in residence halls, (ii) streaming video, (iii) reporting to the student senate.
8. Provost Butts reminded ILC of the time lines for the subcommittees responsible for Underkofler Award, Regents Award for Teaching Excellence, UWP Faculty Award for Teaching Excellence, and UWP Service Learning Award.
9. It was suggested that the student Livia Daentle, who presented the proposal of a new Students Award for Teaching Excellence at our December 2 meeting, may be invited to the committee to discuss about Regents Award for Teaching Excellence.

Meeting adjourned about 5pm.

Respectfully submitted
Ahyoung Kim, Secretary DuJour