Improvement of Learning Committee  
Tuesday, April 20, 2010  
4:00 p.m. – 1510 Ullsvik Hall

Members in attendance: Cathy Cornett, Provost Duane Ford, Beth Frieders, Kevin Haertzen, Colleen Kaiser, Ahyoung Kim, Rea Kirk, Leonida Ljumanovic, Tera Montgomery, Syed Moiz, Esther Ofulue, George Smith, Adam Stanley, Keith Thompson, Joanne Wilson

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m.

Approval of Minutes
Esther Ofulue moved to approve the minutes from April 6; seconded by Keith Thompson. Motion approved.

Announcements
Provost Ford announced that director interviews for the Teaching Excellence Center would begin soon.

New Business: UW-P Teaching Excellence Award
Members of the Teaching Excellence Award subcommittee (Esther Ofulue, Adam Stanley, Keith Thompson) reported that no applications were received for this award this year. Discussion followed.
- The possibility of considering previous applications (those not awarded) was brought up but rejected on the basis of setting a future precedent.
- The possibility of extending this year’s deadline was also brought up but rejected on the basis of the timeline needed for classroom visits.
- Provost Ford indicated that funding for this award can’t be rolled-over to future years.
Action: the subcommittee will report back after review the application process – deadline and timing, effort/ease of application process.

New Business: UW-P Service Learning Award
One application was received for the UW-P Service Learning Award. The subcommittee (Cathy Cornett, Shane Drefcinski, Tera Montgomery, Leonida Ljumanovic) recommended that the applicant, Tom LoGuidice, receive the award. The application demonstrates that Tom played a major role in laying the foundations of UW-P Service Learning. The supporting letters include a number of noteworthy statements. Individuals from the greater ILC group agreed with the recommendation, indicating personal experience.

New Business: Revision of CIF/SoTL Guidelines
The CIF/SOTL subcommittee (Tom LoGuidice, Esther Ofulue, Adam Stanley, Keith Thompson) put forth a multi-part proposal for revision of the CIF Guidelines. The proposal sets-out to emphasize preference for wider curricular impact - program level,
university level and collaborative. Proposed revisions include the purpose statement as well as revision of the criteria.
-This resulted in an on-going discussion of grant quality versus criteria for funding.
-Provost Ford noted that future award funding could be shifted elsewhere if applications are of low quality.
-George Smith suggested workshops to provide ideas for SoTL activities. Several ILC members indicated support for this.
-Keith Thompson requested that revision suggestions be sent to him.
Action: topic to be continued at the next meeting after individuals confer with colleagues.

Adjournment
Meeting adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

The next ILC meeting will be next academic year.

Respectfully submitted—
Cathy Cornett