MINUTES of the Improvement of Learning Committee
Tues. Dec. 7, 2010
4pm – 5pm
1510 Ullsvik Hall

Present: Todd Carothers, David Schuler, Leigh Monhardt, Rea Kirk, Sharon Klavins, Cathy Cornett, Beth Frieders, Keith Thompson (Chair), George Smith, Adam Stanley, Kevin Haertzen, Leonida Ljumanovic, Osama Jadaan, Colleen McCabe

Guests: Val Wetzel; Justin Belling (BILSA Student Senator)

Meeting called to order at 4:02pm

1. Selection of notetaker – Beth Frieders

2. Minutes of 11/16/10 meeting
   a. Motion to accept by Stanley, seconded by Smith. Approved.

3. Announcements
   a. CIF guidelines as approved in Spring 2010 are now updated and available on the website.
   b. Smith mentioned that the 2008 performance on the NESI Report is available from the TLC, and there are several upcoming TLC events to check out.

4. Discussion of Distinguished Lecturer for spring 2012
   a. Goals of program
      i. To link speaker topic to a campus initiative, and build that into course curriculum where appropriate.
   b. Criteria / speaker selection process AND Timeline for selection and lecture date (discussion was intermixed)
      • A lengthy discussion occurred, highlights presented here:
         i. Currently are 5 criteria (listed in separate document on Distinguished Lecturer). Kirk reminded us of a past criterion that the speaker could be a relative of an important person (since relative could be a powerful speaker, or importance person could be deceased).
         ii. Current process: ILC narrows down the potential list of speakers (sources supplied by Wetzel) to a list that get sent to UW-Platteville students, staff, faculty for an online vote. Then ILC ranks the top choices, and Wetzel makes an offer to candidates.
         iii. One possibility was to look for free speakers (such as Secretary of Energy or NASA administrator). Some concerns were raised that the person would need to be a dynamic speaker and have a timely message / link to campus initiative, or might have to cancel at last minute due to state emergency.
iv. Another thought was to have a focused theme or target message each year for speaker options, ILC selects, rather than the “smorgasbord of variety approach” as we do it now.
   1. Transportation, energy, diversity, leadership, motivational, moral/ethical and personal actions were topics mentioned.
      a. Concern brought up that it should be a topic of interest to all on campus
      b. Others stated that the interest could be built through course inclusion since speaker/topic would be known ahead (at least start of spring semester).

v. General consensus was to try a 2-step process this year, where ILC sends out to campus a list of potential topics early. After campus voting, ILC then selects topic and develops list of possible speakers that ILC sends out to campus for voting on actual speaker.
   1. Goal = Spring 2011, have a narrow list of topics.

vi. Suggestion was made that ILC look at making changes to the selection procedures for the future, and get approval from appropriate government bodies.

5. Other Business
   a. Subcommittee for Faculty Award for Teaching Excellence
      i. Timeline is March 26 thru April 19th
         1. Within this timeframe, the committee is to pick the top 3 applications, notify the applicant, arrange and do classroom visits by 2 members of the subcommittee before final selection. The current timeline is too restrictive and nearly impossible to complete.
      ii. Kirk said subcommittee would like to move up timeline for initial submission to March 7th, 2011
         1. Thompson will contact Kathy Lomax to see if we can make that change still for 2011

6. Next Meeting:
   a. Tues Dec 21 meeting is Canceled
   b. February 1st
      i. Wetzel was asked to bring a draft of the list of topics and descriptions for Distinguished Lecturer for our approval

Adjourned at 4:40pm

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Frieders