Members in attendance: Beth Frieders, Kevin Haertzen, Osama Jadaan, Ahyoung Kim, Rea Kirk, Leonida Ljumanovic, Leigh Monhardt, David Schuler, George Smith, Adam Stanley, Keith Thompson, Valerie Wetzel.

Keith Thompson called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

1. Selection of Minute Taker
Leonida Ljumanovic agreed to take the meeting minutes.

2. Approval of 4/5/11 Minutes
Beth Frieders moved to approve the minutes of the 4/5/11 meeting. Adam Stanley seconded it. Motion passed.

3. Announcements
George Smith announced upcoming TLC workshops on sabbaticals.

4. Distinguished Lecturer Discussion / Recommendations (A. Kim; S. Klavins; G. Smith, V. Wetzel)

The committee uses the criteria sheet since 2003 as frame work for reviewing the distinguished lecture.

This year about 15 students and faculty members narrowed a list of topics to about dozen topics. Then they narrowed the list to those speakers in our price range, and send the list to the subcommittee, which narrowed it to about nine speakers. After that the polling was done by students online, they had to pick 3 out of 9 listed speakers and the results of the polling were distributed to the committee.

Bill Nye, “The Science Guy”, had the most votes, however there was some concern among the members of the committee about the content taught, since not considered appropriate for the university distinguished lecture.


Adam Stanley suggested that because of members’ concerns about the content of Bill Nye’s talk, to eliminate him from the above list. George Smith and Leonida Ljumanovic accepted this as friendly amendment to the motion.

5. TLC Plans for 2011/12

George Smith distributed TLC Goals for 2011/12. The discussion followed. First the Bridge program was discussed. There is not a lot of information, only that it has to start by August. It will start with about 20 students, about 2 weeks before classes start, it would be in math and composition, but students would not get credit for this until the end of the Fall semester. This would be in addition to Intro to College Life. Chancellor or Provost need to say which group of students to concentrate on; on the group of students just below the rankings or the group of students on the bottom of the rankings, since different approach to these groups. Then goal # 6 was also discussed, since there was concern among members about how to make it worth George’s time to organize these student workshops. There will be 2 topics per week for first month in the Fall 11 semester, so it will be concentrated heavily at the beginning of the semester. The plan is to inform all instructors teaching intro classes about these workshops, post information in student dorms and the Student Center. Also, parents will have a copy of the schedule as well. George Smith had a deadline to submit the schedule to student recruitment by April 15. He finished all reservations in Student Center, and all the desired rooms were available. There will be variation in time for workshops in Fall 11. Also, there will be another workshop “Veterans in the Classroom” in the Fall as well, since there was a good turn out this year and there is an interest for the workshop in the Fall 11 as well. It will probably be organized before classes start. George Smith talked about some challenges he encountered. For example, signs announcing events were being pulled before the event happened. He said that promotion of some of the events will have to change. There was always the feedback that the quality was good, but attendance was not always the greatest. George Smith also announced that TLC will have a larger role in Faculty Development next semester, as one example he mentioned organizing workshop on Introduction to D2L for new faculty members.

Moreover, there was a discussion about odds in getting a full time position for TLC. There is a good chance of two full time positions; director and assistant.

Beth Frieders made motion that we have moved and reviewed Goals of TLC. Kevin Haertzen seconded it. Motion passed.

Rea Kirk makes motion to commend George on his hard work. Osama Jadaan seconded it. Motion passed.

6. Other Business
George Smith thanked Keith Thompson for his work as a chair of committee this year.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

The next ILC meeting will be sometime next fall.