1. Irfan Ul-Haq called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. Attendance sheet was passed around for members/guests to sign. Kevin Haertzen volunteered to take minutes.

2. Minutes from January 28 meeting were approved.

3. Angela updated the committee on admission numbers. Applications are up 2% over last year, with over 3400 apps. Admits are down 1%. Some of this is due to incomplete applications (SAT scores, letters of recommendations, semester grades). Consistent message is that most system schools are down in applications and admits. Deposits that have been sent by freshman are up over 14%. TSI numbers: over 600 application, and 500 admits. 290 have sent in deposits. March 1 is the refund date. Overall goal for TSI is 325 – 350 students. UWP’s 2nd year retention rates are in the 75% - 76% area.

4. Irfan asked the committee members to try accessing the S-Drive ASC folder.

5. Irfan shared the letter he received from Mark Mailloux. Irfan suggests that we follow up on Mark’s suggestion and that he and one or two other members meet with Mark in his office.

6. Irfan updated us on setting up the Gen-Ed review for English Composition. David Krugler and Shane said they would assist with contacting Dennis Ciesielski and firming up the review.

7. Shane updated the committee on progress of the General Education Task Force. Committee is currently looking at student learning outcomes. Ideally, Shane wishes to get the committees work to the faculty/departments this spring, and in the fall, move towards faculty senate approval and UUCC approval. Some discussion continued on the work of the committee and the issue “general education goals for non-majors vs. general education goals for majors”. Concerns were raised about instructors of general education bowing down to the majors, the potential for a wholesale hijacking of the Gen Ed requirements, the idea “is liberal arts lost?”. There were comments about a mixed message being out there and that the task force needs to improve its communication with the faculty.

8. Irfan will ask Joanne Wilson to come to a meeting this spring and talk about first year experience.

9. Meeting adjourned at 4:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Haertzen