Members Present: Bruce Carr (student), Dennis Ciesielski, Susan Hansen, Mark Meyers, Philip Parker, Mike Sharkey, Chris Baxter for Chuck Steiner, Steve Steiner, Kory Wein, Mary Rose Williams, Shane Drefcinski (ex-officio), David Van Buren (ex-officio), Dianne Hanten (Registrar’s Office), Becky Trefz (rec. secretary)

Members Absent: Jessica Donahoe, John Nkemnji

 Visitors Present: Bruce Howdle, Tom Scanlan, George Smith

Chair Kory Wein called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

1. Approval of the December 21, 2011 minutes – Philip Parker moved to approve the minutes, second by Mary Rose Williams. Motion carried.

2. Announcements
   a. Associate Vice Chancellor Van Buren – Welcomed back everyone to the new semester, remarking that his hope for this semester is that UUCC would come to resolution on the Gen. Ed. Proposal.

   b. Academic Planning Council, Mark Meyers – Reported that the members of APC read Bob Dickeson’s book, Prioritizing Academic Programs and Services and are working on prioritizing programs across campus to fit into strategic planning.

   c. Assessment Oversight Representative/General Education Director & Assessment Coordinator, Shane Drefcinski – Shane’s report included presentation and discussion of Gen. Ed. Model, the Writing Emphasis Impact, and Scenarios—see minutes following ‘Move to Consent’ items.

   d. Other – None.

   At this point, as a courtesy to the guests present, Susan Hansen moved to change the order of the agenda and go to the ‘Move to Consent’ items, second by Mark Meyer. Motion carried.

3. Move to Consent
   b. Document 11-43 Proposal for a New Course – ART 3950 – Advanced Sculpture
   c. Document 11-44 Proposal for a Change in Gen Ed Status Only – ENGL 2250 – Introduction to Film
   d. Document 11-45 Proposal for a New Course – ENGL 4780 – Advanced Topics in Film Studies
4. New Business –

Shane Drefcinski presented the Gen. Ed. Proposal summarizing the main points that are currently being recommended, as well as providing information on the impact and possible scenarios regarding the Writing Emphasis (WE) portion of the Gen. Ed. Proposal.

Following much discussion and deliberation, Mark Meyer moved that it was the consensus of the group to let today serve as a first reading for the Gen. Ed. Proposal, second by Philip Parker. Motion carried.

Mary Rose Williams moved to make the recommendation to the Provost and Improvement of Learning Committee to set aside CIF grant money for people wishing to convert a class into a WE course, second by Dennis Ciesielski. Motion carried.

Dennis Ciesielski offered to check into the possibility of having faculty from the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse who have been involved with WE classes similar to what is being proposed here, come and present to UUCC, possibly February 29, since there are five Wednesdays this month.

Mary Rose Williams announced that on Saturday, March 3 from 6-10 p.m. there will be a benefit held at the Barn in honor of Tony Thomas to raise money for the establishment of a math and music scholarship in his name. All, along with your family, are invited to attend.

Dave Van Buren announced the celebration of the Confucius Institute for the Chinese New Year this Sunday to be held in Velzy Commons. Free tickets are available at the box office.

The next UUCC meeting will be held Wednesday, February 15 at 4 p.m. in Ullsvik 2007. The meeting was adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Rose Williams, secretary and Becky Trefz, recording secretary