DATE: September 5, 2008
PLACE: Haas Library 2nd Floor
TIME: 9:00am-10:40am

MEMBERS PRESENT: D. Brown, R. Drozdenko, R. Flanagan (Chair), V. Kenausis, P. Oneill, C. Rocca, A. Skar, L. Vaden-Goad, K. Walker,

Guests: Dr. L. Rinker, K. Allocco, L. Lindenauer

Appointment of recorder: D. Brown; V. Kenausis will not be taking minutes as she will be the Webmaster

Meeting times: first Friday of every month at 9:00 am/ 9/5; 10/3; 11/7; 12/5; 2/6/09; 3/13 (an exception); 4/3; 5/1 in the Haas Library 2nd floor Conference Room

Welcome new members and guests: Chuck Rocca and Alba Skar (new members)/ Kate Allocco, Leslie Lindenauer and Dr. Linda Rinker (guests)

Minutes from May 2, 2008: deferred to October meeting

Community input and comments: none

Old business:

Update on FYE (P. O'Neill): this is year 2 of the FYE program/ preliminary report re: Class 2011: retention rate for those who took one FYE course fall '07 is about the same as the general population (70%); comparing FYE and GPA, the results were positive and significant/ will try to pinpoint why

Patty is currently recruiting for FYE instructors/courses for spring '09

Issue/concern of some faculty:
- instructors report that they are not able to cover as much content in FY courses
- not getting the number of faculty volunteers needed
- ratio of PT to FT faculty
- increase work for the course
- academic freedom
FT person would teach FY courses which tend to be lower level courses and adjuncts would be hired to teach major upper level courses

- faculty are finding it challenging to weave the success and university factors into the course without sacrificing content

New Business:

Women’s Studies course: WS 200 (is not a new course)/ discussion took place/ course meets the Gen Ed requirements for Humanistic Studies/ motion to accept WS 200 as a gen ed requirement that could fulfill humanistic studies option (Rocco/Brown)/ motion passed unanimously

Gen Ed Conference in June attended by Dr. L. Vaden-Goad:
- Information was distributed to members of the Gen Ed Comm.
- Oklahoma State used as a prototype/ assessment is done through goal portfolios/ goals and issues are assessed and not faculty, course or students

Gen Ed will presently be assessed with MAPP, freshmen and seniors/ portfolio based assessments will be reviewed

Goals for 2008-2009:
- support FYE
- begin assessment of Gen Ed

Dr. Rinker thanked the Committee for the work that they have done and will support the committee as needed.

For October meeting:
- discuss what can be done to help faculty participate in the FYE program
- invite Chair of the Writing Department to attend and discuss criteria for WIC

Adjournment: 10:40am

Respectfully submitted,

Daryle L. Brown, Recorder