

Minutes of the Focus on Teaching Committee  
November 10, 2008

Attending: James, Guinee, Miller, Gerling, Adams, Perry,  
Sanders (student member)

Miller reported on the following issues the discussion of Maryellen Weimer's book chapter, held earlier that day during the lunch hour. The committee discussed possible methods for generating interest in the next meeting, including an email to the full faculty and word-of-mouth.

Miller said that she will write a draft of the proposal to add a technology representative to the committee and forward it to the Executive Committee.

Miller asked the committee to revisit the NSSE results discussed at the last meeting. After some discussion, it was agreed that each person would try to identify three significant measures that match our college learning goals.

Miller reminded the committee that there was one session left for the first-year faculty in the mentoring program. She suggested that Debbie Crouse reprise her session on reading comprehension strategies.

Miller reported on her attempts to receive funding from SGA for the Faculty Development Day speaker. This money would be contingent on inviting all the students to the event. After discussing whether or not this could or should be done, the committee agreed that Maryellen Weimer would be contacted to see if she has any ideas about speaking to a student audience.

Finally, Miller reminded the committee about the results from the previous two years' Faculty Development Day surveys. She noted that faculty respondents were most interested in programming on critical thinking skills and project-based learning. She suggested that these serve as the focus for the committee's spring programming.

Respectfully submitted,  
Theresa Adams

Minutes of the Focus on Teaching Committee  
November 3, 2008

Attending: James, Miller, Gerling, Crouse, Guinee,

Sheppard, Perry, Adams

On a Sheppard/Adams motion, the minutes of October 20 were approved as submitted.

A discussion of Chapter 2 of Maryellen Weimer's book will be held November 10 at noon. The chapter is available on ANGEL.

Miller has contacted Weimer about coming for Faculty Development Day. Gerling reported that she is working on a grant proposal to support the visit. After some discussion about funding speakers for Faculty Development Day, Miller agreed to schedule a meeting with the Development Office to discuss this issue.

The question of adding a technology representative to the committee was deferred to the next meeting.

Miller reported that she has received some feedback from department chairs about the research survey circulated earlier this semester.

Ray Brown visited the committee to discuss the NSSE data. The committee then explored ways of using the data and agreed to provide feedback to the Assessment Committee.

Respectfully submitted,  
Theresa Adams