Focus on Teaching Committee Minutes February 26, 2009

Attending: Sheppard, James, Crouse, Miller, Guinee, Gerling, Adams, Aubuchon (student member)

On a Sheppard/Crouse motion, the minutes of 2/5 were approved as submitted.

The committee discussed the list of faculty who agreed to present at the brown-bag on undergraduate research. With an eye to having a mix of recent faculty and tenured faculty, as well as both men and women on the panel, the committee agreed to invite Frerichs, Goodfellow, Jones, Potterfield, Unger, and Phelps to present.

The structure of the brown-bag continues to evolve, based on our previous discussions, and now will begin with a handout that lists what each division is doing in this area. The rest of the discussion will be in panel format, and will focus on strategies to help faculty engage in undergraduate research.

The committee then discussed the possibility of having a program on the potential problems of the larger classes that we are likely to face next year, as well as strategies for dealing with these problems. This discussion will be continued at the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Theresa Adams