STUDENT LEARNING COMMITTEE MEETING
September 18, 2008
3:00 pm
T-1001


Absent: Magruder, M., Offerman, J., Stroud, B.

CALL TO ORDER
K. LaTour opened the Sept. 2008 Student Learning Committee meeting at 3:05 pm in T-1001. Attendance was taken.

MINUTES

Lori moved to approve the minutes. Sherri. seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

I. OLD BUSINESS

a. We are moving forward on hosting the 13th Annual Assessment Fair. Kristin is working with Ryan and Tracey Theard to get mailings done, and we will use a conference service provided by NIU for registration and other logistics. Sherri, Max, and Wayne have volunteered to help look at proposals to decide who to invite. We’ll set a deadline for a date in December and look over the proposals PPD week and send out letters of acceptance via email. We will also be ordering shirts for JJC helpers to wear on the day of the event so we are clearly visible. All JJC faculty will be encouraged to attend, and we are working on not charging any registration fees for them. The first mailing with save-the-date cards will go out in October. Our biggest need is a good keynote speaker. Send any ideas along to Kristin.

NEW BUSINESS

a. PPD week activities were well attended. There were about 10 people at each of the three roundtables, and Kristin got good feedback from attendees. She’ll do them again in the spring. The general presentation on assessment wasn’t as well attended, but those who came said they got a better understanding of assessment at JJC by attending.

b. Kristin passed around the storyboards for the commercial spoof on “Natural Assessment Enhancement.” We will film the committee at our October meeting, and Kristin is getting the rest together. it will be cool!

c. The website has been updated, and Kristin is continuing to work on it. The grant page is done, so let faculty know about grant availability. The Calendar page lists all upcoming assessment conferences and their links.

d. Kristin reminded departments that have not submitted plans to please do so.

e. Kristin reminded departments that have plans to keep going and ask for help as needed.
f. There will be a fall newsletter coming out at the end of October. The deadline is October 15. Please send any suggestions for articles or any kudos on student learning from your departments, to Kristin.

g. There was not support for getting an online version of The Teaching Professor due to costs and faculty probably not using the newsletter. Catherine suggested we get a paper subscription and route either the newsletter or a copy of the ToC to committee members, who can then let department faculty know about it. Kristin could also send an email to faculty with the ToC or digest articles for inclusion in the newsletter.

We also had a discussion on the gen. ed. learning outcomes from the Academy group. The overall comment was that we need to add detail to the outcomes such as definitions, ties to classes and activities, and ties to JJC’s mission statement. The outcomes will be revised by the Academy group, and open forums will be held PPD week to get feedback from all faculty and staff.

Lori moved to adjourn and Scott seconded at 3:43.