Academic Foundations Committee Minutes

February 14, 2006

Present: Randall Gloege Dan Gretch

Susan Gilbertz Connie Landis Sandie Rietz Bruce Brumley

Lewis Rife (student)

Janii Pedersen (student)

Absent: Mark Hardt i excused Abbas Heiat i excused

David Garloff ex-officio Tæneem Khaleel ì ex-officio

John Cech ex-officio

Mary Susan Fishbaugh ex-officio

George White ex-officio

Kirk Lacy ex-officio

Mary McNally ex-officio

Curt Kochner 1 ex-officio

Guests: Brent Roberts Dan Gross

Loyd Knudsen

Presiding: Mark Hardt, Chair

Connie Landis called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m. in the Bridger room of the SUB.

The minutes of February 7 were accepted as presented.

I. Discussion/ Action Items

A. New Submissions

Postponed for further review.

Item 47 AF Course: BUS 101 Introduction to Business for Cat. III. Social Sciences

- Motion by Sandie Rietz, seconded by Bruce Brumley to approve Item 47 for Social Sciences.

It was stated that the Department of Business Academic Programs should be commended

- Motion by Sandie Rietz, seconded by Bruce Brumley to approve Item 57.a for the Information Literacy category.

C. Resubmitted Courses

Item 56 Resubmitted AF Course: HON 181 The Ancient and Medieval Worlds for Cat. V. Arts and Humanities A. Arts

It was noted that the earlier issue with this course was that it was submitted for the Arts category adequately cover the arts. It was noted that a requirement has been added that students must attend at least two cultural events and submit a report on each.

- Motion by Sandie Rietz, seconded by Bruce Brumley to approve I tem 56 for the Arts Category if the reference to credit for a writing course through a combination of Honors courses is removed from the syllabus.
- Motion carried with one abstention.

It was cited that a survey is an illegitimate assessment of learning outcomes. However, it should be added to our list of possible assessments or as a component of our system.

It was agreed that the pros and cons of all possible assessments should be discussed. That way we can tell Northwest that was further noted that a survey like this could be sent to employers.

E. NWCCU Standards and Assessment Discussion

It was noted that it may be necessary for the Committee to demonstrate to NWCCU how we have met each of the standards.

The Committee then agreed to present various forms of assessment and how they can be linked to the matrix at the next meeting.

Connie Landis alumni survey
Susan Gilbertz Bozeman assessment with steering committees
Sandie Rietz simplified portfolio
Randall Gloege & Lewis Rife capstone
Dan Gretch embedded assessment
Bruce Brumley Central Washington compass

The Committee will then discuss the advantages and disadvantages of each assessment strategy.

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Rita J. Rabe Meduna.