Academic Foundations Committee Minutes

January 22, 2008

Present: Oliver Chen Mark Hardt
Lea Zoltowski Abbas Heiat

Jane Howell

Absent: Kathy Kelker

Jay Shaw i excused

David Garloff ex-officio Tasneem Khaleel ex-officio
Gary Young ex-officio Mary Susan Fishbaugh ex-officio

Karen Heikel ex-officio John Cech ex-officio

George White ex-officio Stacy Klippenstein ex-officio

Presiding: Mark Hardt, Chairperson

Mark Hardt called the meeting to order at 3:54 p.m. in the Bridger room of the SUB.

The minutes of November 13 were accepted as presented.

I. Discussion/ Action Items

A. December Academic Senate Meeting

Dr. Hardt noted that he was aware that a revolt among the faculty was growing due to the labor-intensive nature of eCompani

Hardt made a motion that eCompanion not be required. Provost White asked that the motion be qualified to say that if eCompanion is not used, some other assessment collection device must be used (i.e., the department cannot elect to not do assessment). The Academic Senate approved the motion.

B. Results of Info Sessions on Main & COT Campuses Last Fall

All of the responses from the Info Sessions were positive including responses from faculty who received the information second-hand. It was noted that our only worry are the people who have not attended the Info Sessions.

C. Info Session for the Spring 2008 Semester

Dr. Hardt noted that the AFC should probably hold off on setting up another info session, because this week Information Technology will be making a presentation to the Senate about a simple spreadsheet they have devised which will be able to collect class percentages rather than individual student scores. The goal of this simpler system will be to collect the

percentage of students who pass a given assessment objective. Passing has been defined as a C or better. If the spreadsheet is acceptable, perhaps the only thing the AFC will need to present for an info session are the options faculty have: eCompanion or the spreadsheet.

D. Scale for Assessment Results

If the spreadsheet model is accepted, a scale will not be necessary.

E. Meeting with Michael Barber, Brent Roberts, & CQI Committee to Discuss How Spring 2007/Fall 2007 Assessment Data will be Organized

It was noted that we no longer