

Academic Foundations Committee
Minutes

March 25, 2009

Present: Bernie Quetchenbach Melinda Tilton
Matt Redinger Tom Regele
Mark Fenderson Neil Jussila
Richard Pierce Brent Roberts
Mary Alice Walker (student) Rita Kratky – ex-officio

Absent: George Czyz
Kurt Toenjes Neil Suits
Mike Havens Lorrie Steerey
Diane Duin – ex-officio Tasneem Khaleel – ex-officio
Gary Young – ex-officio Mary Susan Fishbaugh – ex-officio
Karen Heikel – ex-officio John Cech – ex-officio
D'Ann Campbell – ex-officio

Presiding: Matt Redinger, Co-Chairperson

The meeting was called to order at 2:40 p.m. in room 355 of the College of Business.

The minutes of March 16 were accepted as presented.

I. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Contacting Faculty Who Have Not Entered Assessment Data – List

It was noted that there are fundamental problems with this system, and it is questionable whether this system will allow for adequate change in our Academic Foundations courses. However, we have to have data for NWCCU, and we do not have time to reinvent the wheel. NWCCU is simply asking us for what we do and how we show we do it. We can tell them this is not the tool we need but we are working toward a better tool. We can't let faculty refuse to do the assessment data entry because we need the numbers.

It was noted that the AFC could simply pass a resolution that the Deans urge the faculty to enter their data, since that is the Deans' job. It was cited that this is such a controversial issue that faculty would likely balk at a directive from the administration.

It was cited that faculty members on post-retirement are the responsibility of the Department Chairs, not members of this Committee. The same goes for part-time faculty. Part-time faculty data may be a lost cause anyway, because those faculty are gone once the semester is over.

