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MINUTES 2003-2004 CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING #6

November 19, 2003, 8:00 a.m. Behmler Conference Room

Present: John Schwaller, Judy Kuechle, Jooinn Lee, Mike Korth, Jenny Nellis, Mary Elizabeth Bezanson, Chris DeVries, Dave Roberts, Jackie Thorvaldson, Ruth Thielke, Dorothy DeJager, Nancy Helsper, and Matt Conner.

Absent: Tom Johnson, Laura Burbank, Danielle Thibido, Joe Veilleux, Jeri Mullin, Tom McRoberts, and Tammy Faux.

Visiting: Sandy Olson-Loy

PRESENTATION OF NSSE SURVEY RESULTS

Sandy Olson-Loy and Nancy Helsper presented to the committee the results of the National Survey of Student Engagement. Information about the questions asked and the results of the answers were discussed. Olson-Loy explained that the benchmark is the midpoint in a range of values. It is troubling to be below the COPLAC benchmark in some areas. Student and faculty interaction was higher than COPLAC but still less than we would like. Schwaller indicated that this is an important area in terms of retention. There was some discussion among the members about when the survey is taken. Schwaller indicated that UMM plans to take the survey every two years. There was concern about the low marks in the Academic Challenge questions. A member suggested adding a question that would ask the student's use of the library resources other than the Internet. Another member stated a good question for seniors would be to ask how many planned to transfer when they first came to UMM but then did not transfer and graduated from UMM. Olson-Loy and Schwaller indicated that we do not have the ability to add questions, except in conjunction with our COPLAC peers. Olson-Loy and Helsper concluded the power point presentation.

Meeting adjourned 9:00

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Van Horn