MINUTES
UW-Green Bay Campus Climate Committee

Present:        February 1, 2005
Lucy Arendt
Bill Laatsch
Illene Noppe
Mary Ann Rose
Bob Skorczewski
Georjeanna Wilson-Doenges
Grant Winslow

Guest: Provost Sue Hammersmith

1. Provost Hammersmith was invited to provide an update to the CCC about the proposed course scheduling change. She reported that the University Committee knows that a decision needs to be made during this current semester. Provost Hammersmith, speaking on behalf of Chancellor Shepard, noted that the common meeting time is viewed as the primary need for our campus.

2. Getting down to business, the minutes of January 18, 2005 were approved without corrections or amendments.

3. The CCC devoted the majority of its meeting time to the campus feedback about the course scheduling proposal. Lucy prepared a summary of negative and positive comments that focused on the themes of university hours, time slots, and semester length. After expressing our gratitude to Lucy, we noted concerns such as when classes would meet, how the University Hours were to be used, and the staffing of offices during all-campus events. Some of these concerns may stem from the initial proposal’s vagueness about aspects of the new schedule such as how the University Hours were to be used, and who would decide which events get this designation.

4. The CCC recognized that many of the course scheduling questions and concerns would require input from the Registrar’s office. Illene will meet with Mike Herrity and ask him to write a "Frequently Asked Questions" (FAQ) sheet that would attempt to answer questions about overlap in MW and WF classes, laboratory and studio courses, and 4 credit courses.

5. After a consideration of the negative and positive aspects of implementing a new course schedule for UW-Green Bay, the CCC decided that it was behind the new model under consideration. A fuller
proposal has to be written and presented to the University Committee in February in order for it to appear in a timely fashion before the Faculty Senate. This proposal should emphasize the primacy of the University Hours and that decisions as a result of any changes should be made with students’ interests foremost. In addition to the FAQ sheet from the Registrar, we decided that possible uses of the University Hours and the extra week would also be included.

6. With our work cut out for us, the meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm.

Nail-bitingly submitted,

Illene Noppe, Chair