FYE Advisory Council Agenda  
Friday, March 27, 2009  
1:30-2:30 PM  
Park Library 413D

Present: Aydin Cecin, Traci Guinn, Dyke Heinze, Melissa Bussear, Julia Sherlock, Lorie Tuma, Jason Bentley, Jamie Brown, Pat Cwiek

I. Call to Order  
   A. The meeting was called to order at 1:35pm by Aydin Cecen.

II. Approval of Agenda  
   A. There was a motion by Dyke Heinze to approve the agenda, seconded by Pat Cwiek. The was approved.

III. Approval of Minutes from 1.30.09  
   A. The following corrections were noted by Pat Cwiek: section 9B – change amongst to among and remove the comma. 
   B. There was a motion by Pat Cwiek that the minutes be approved with corrections, seconded by Lorie Tuma. The motion was approved.

IV. Open Comment (on agenda items only)  
   A. No comment

V. First-Year Advocate Award Discussion  
   A. Jason Bentley: The Foundations of Excellence report recommended additional recognition for faculty and staff who are advancing student success during the first college year. The First-Year Advocate Award is offered as one example to support this recommendation.
   B. Nominations are open and continue until April 6, 2009.
   C. The initial approval was for one award in the amount of $500. Aydin Cecin believes that $500 is too small of an amount and suggested that we request approval to increase the award to $1000. Further, Cecin recommended a request to offer up to three awards for an amount totaling $3000 per year. Jason Bentley informed that council that they he would speak with the Vice-Provost about this possibility.

VI. First-Year Seminar Assessment Review & Discussion  
   A. Jason Bentley provided a hand out with an overview of the results from the pilot FY Seminar assessment. The assessment went to a random mix of 924 students with a 26 percent participation rate. All of the data is student-reported. Jason noted the trend in the lack of technology use in the classroom outside of Blackboard, email and links to websites. Additional analysis of the data is forthcoming.
   B. Jamie Brown asked if we could question the students on what their preference for technology use in the classroom would be (type and amount). Jason suggested that we also ask about perceptions of effectiveness. Pat Cwiek mentioned that on question number 20, it may be useful to ask the students if they felt the items that were asked aided in their learning.
   C. Jason Bentley shared how the FYE 301 class is piloting a wiki on wetpaint.com as an example of how technology can aid in creating classroom connections and collaborative learning.
   D. Dyke Heinze suggested that FYE discuss the survey with Shawn Wilson to see if he has additional questions for inclusion of suggestions. Jason noted that he is also discussing the survey with Dan Pijnappels and Derick Fedewa in Institutional Research to link the survey to additional institutional data sets in 2009-2010.
E. Jason Bentley shared that the University will be launching the use of MAP-Works in place of the previously used College Student Inventory for 2009-2010.

VII. FYE Assessment Plan & Direct Measures of Student Learning Discussion
   A. A working copy of the new assessment plan was. Jason Bentley has suggested that we create a working group to finalize the draft and outline direct measures of student learning.
   B. Dyke Heinze noted that the Leadership program had to do extensive work to create their minor and offered FYE the opportunity to review their assessment plan.

VIII. FYE Mentor & Faculty Workshops
   A. The FYE office is currently running workshops for both faculty and mentors. Since the number of new instructors is very small this year, FYE is not offering a large training session. To be budget conscious, the FYE office is partnering with FaCIT to offer a range of workshops.

IX. FYE 101 – Planned Sections for Fall 2009
   A. FYE has 54 sections planned for this fall, including some special interest sections
   B. At this time, we are not planning to run a summer course unless a request is made or enrollment patterns change.

X. Open Discussion (on any matter)
   None

XI. Adjournment
   The meeting was adjourned at 2:34 pm by Aydin Cecen.