Meeting Facilitator: Ali Soylu, Chair

In attendance: Gary Buckley, Mike Dunn, Roxanne Gooch, Antonio Lavergetta, Lynda Robinson, Richard Voeltz, and Ali Soylu (Chair)

Absent: John McArthur, Becky Easley

Item 1: December 5, 2012 Minutes
Mike moved to approve the December 5, 2012 minutes. Gary seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Item 2: Subcommittee on recruiting/retaining students and recruiting/retaining faculty
(Gary & Tony)
Discussion: They wanted to focus on Remedial courses and the “Top 30” courses. They wondered about setting up some communication between professors who teach in different disciplines. There is currently no committee on communication. Most of our committees deal with administrative issues. Gary & Tony would like us to consider developing a method for sharing creative teaching ideas to hold students’ interest; especially in remedial courses and those “top 30” courses that most students take in their 1st two years. There was extensive discussion regarding what might be done and what the role of our committee should be. Having a speaker and a brown bag lunch once a month or providing lunch & having a speaker was discussed. We debated whether to bring it before Faculty Senate as a motion or as a discussion item. Because Faculty Senate meets the same day, anything we do would have to be next month.

Conclusion: Dr. Soylu will talk to the President of Faculty Senate about getting it on the agenda for the February Faculty Senate meeting.

Item 3: Subcommittee on Graduate Programs
(Mike, Lynda, Gary)
Discussion: Richard reported that the History is not interested in a master’s program or offering Master’s courses. There was some discussion about the possibility of Computer Science, Graphic Design or a Science-related master’s degree. While we have talked about an interdisciplinary program because more than one department would be involved, there are other options.

Item 4: Meeting Time
In the interests of meeting far enough in advance of Faculty Senate in case we want to get items on the agenda, we decided on noon on the 3rd Friday of each month. Since Becky was not present, Ali will contact her to be sure that works for her. The next meeting will be February 15.

Item 5: Adjournment
Meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM

Lynda Robinson, Secretary