

University Enrichment Committee
March 26, 2007
Minutes

Present:

Bill Barry, Rob Beezer (Secretary), John Finney, Lisa Johnson, Michael Johnson, Aislinn Melchior, Mark Reinitz (Chair), Amy VanEngen Spivey, Rand Worland, Shane Wright, Jerry Yonkman

The meeting was called to order at 3:04 PM. The minutes of the February 15, 2007 meeting were approved as distributed.

Having previously reviewed submitted professional materials, the committee discussed candidates nominated for the 2009 Register Lecturer and made a selection. This choice will be subsequently announced publicly.

Finney reviewed the status of research and travel funds that the committee disburses. Perhaps with a transfer of some faculty research funds, all first trips to present at professional conferences will be funded. It is unlikely that there will be funds available to fund second trips (which have always been funded based on availability of funds, and not guaranteed).

Finney also expressed concern about the availability of funds for student research, as this program continues to be popular and is seeing a large number of applications from students.

The committee then turned to its program for loaning out laptop computers. The committee has provided laptop computers for short-term use with no application, and for entire semesters with an application. The committee decided to not purchase any new machines at this time for this program, and to reaffirm that these loans are for faculty research projects (as opposed to classroom presentations).

The meeting adjourned at 3:56 PM. No more meetings are scheduled for the remainder of the academic year.

Rob Beezer
Secretary