MINUTES
Self-Study Committee #1

Meeting #1, 17 September 2004, Hyer Hall 142

Present: James Bronson (chair), Mark Dorn, George Ferencz, Jim Freer, M. Jodi Hare, Jeff Janz, Tisa Mason, Carolyn Morgan. Excused: Brenda Clayton. Guests: John Stone

1. This initial meeting was called to order by Bronson at 8:02 a.m. All members present introduced themselves.

2. Ferencz agreed to prepare minutes for the meeting, to be distributed electronically.

3. Stone distributed and led discussion of several handouts, including UW-W goal Core Values and Mission statements, membership of this and other self-study committees, our goals, a draft-outline of our report (due early 2006), and timetables for completing the campus's self-study and for the Higher Learning Commission's (HLC's) evaluation itself. Stone explained in detail the relationship of the HLC to the North Central Association, and outlined this committee's charge.

Stone stated his view that the self-study report should present a strong case for re-accreditation (10-year period) while facing with candor our current and pending challenges.

4. Bronson suggested a course of action focusing on current goals and mission, and how these are reflected in campus decision-making. Already-completed documentation should, if available, be used to avoid redundant efforts. He asked that each of us read through all paperwork distributed at the meeting, with an eye toward each of our constituency’s contributions and roles.

5. It was agreed that one-hour meetings, scheduled by Sally Lange, would be held monthly. A web page will be created where announcements and minutes for all self-study committees can be posted.

Bronson adjourned the meeting at 9:02 a.m.