Notes
FCC Meeting
1/22/09

Present: Denise Guerin, Barbara Martinson, Janis LaDouceur, Tom Fisher
Absent: Gunter Dittmar (who notified us ahead of time of a conflict), Lee Anderson, Leslie Van Duzer, Kristine Miller

The committee discussed the lack of attendance of so many faculty, not just at this meeting, but also at college meetings generally. The following recommendation was made:

*All college-committee chairs should record the attendance and absences at each meeting as part of their committee report. This information will be given to department heads as part of their annual review of faculty members.*

The committee also recommended that Paige send out a reminder to FCC members a week before the meeting, and that committee members request items for discussion at the meetings from their colleagues.

The committee thought that, while the constitution requires only one meeting per semester, monthly meetings might be more appropriate. There was also a discussion of using the University’s “Breeze” system to save committee members the extra time of traveling.

A discussion ensued of how to achieve more curricular synergies in the college and to look at what design education should be in the 21st Century. The committee members thought that the FCC should request at the faculty assembly that a committee of faculty be appointed to explore the changes in pedagogy and in curriculum needed in a changing world, looking the smallest changes that could be made that would have the largest effect in moving us toward greater interdisciplinarity.

The committee saw this as part of a larger effort at developing a strategic plan for the college.