Present:
Faculty members: Drs. Karl Bahm, Virginia Donovan, Hilary Fezzey, Vicki Madison, and Mr. Brent Notbohm
Academic Staff Member: Mickey Fitch and Heather Kahler
CETL Staff: Drs. Maria Cuzzo (Director), Suzanne Griffith (Coordinator of First Year Seminars) and Lisa Larson (Coordinator of Instructional Development)
Recorder: Emily Levings, CETL Program Associate
Absent: Student Representative (unnamed)

1. Maria Cuzzo opened the meeting with a request that committee members review the draft of the Minutes of the Meeting of March 27, 2012, as distributed via email and at the beginning of the meeting by Emily Levings. Mickey Fitch motioned for approval of the minutes and Vicky Madison seconded the motion. No discussion of the minutes was requested. All present voted unanimously to approve the minutes as submitted.

2. CETL, along with the rest of the campus, has been making preparations for the Regents Meeting scheduled to be held at UW-Superior on April 12 and 13. We will have a FYS poster, as well as WTFS and SoTL posters on display for some of the events.

3. The January 2012 Summary of Final Evaluations for the Fall 2011 New Faculty Orientation Series was distributed to all members of the CETL Advisory Committee. After a short review, members discussed some of the issues presented by the evaluations. The response rate for the evaluation exercise was 59% with 10 of the total 17 persons in the series responding. To each of 13 statements, respondents could choose one of four ratings: Strongly Agree; Agree; Disagree; Strongly Disagree. Most responses were positive, though the following three statements were further discussed:

   • To the statement “The NFO experience helped me integrate better in my department,” 4 respondents agreed, and 6 respondents disagreed. Those disagreeing may have already felt integrated in their departments, or they did not feel that the NFO series assisted them in becoming better integrated.

   • To the statement “The NFO caused me to be concerned about my future at UW-Superior,” 3 respondents agreed, 4 disagreed, and 3 strongly disagreed. These responses may reflect the current budget concerns and leadership moral.

   • To the statement “The NFO experience helped me to find strategies to improve my scholarship/research plan at UW-Superior,” 2 strongly agreed, 7 agreed, and 1 strongly disagreed. Answers to other questions for assessment of the series, indicated that there are increasing pressures or expectations to support “Scholarship of Discovery/Discipline” research. The Advisory Committee generally agreed that CETL should support research for Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL), but should not be held responsible for Scholarship of Discovery, and a suggestion was made that a conversation or dialogue should be held to discuss the issue. Possible solutions to provide support could include workload adjustments or summer stipends to promote research and scholarship. Grass roots growth of PODs in the writing disciplines have also supported research.

4. Maria Cuzzo and Suzanne Griffith attended the April 5-6 OPID Spring 2012 Meeting in Madison. SoTL and its link to assessment were discussed at the meeting, as well as weaving
teaching based scholarship with discipline based scholarship. Posters were also presented by the Wisconsin Teaching and Fellows from around the state.

5. Lisa Larson has met with each of the participants in the Teaching with Technology projects, who are currently analyzing the data that was collected in classes in Fall 2011. She will have a final group meeting at the end of April.

6. Lisa informed members of the committee she has accepted a position at Saint Scholastica College in Duluth, and has therefore made the following arrangements to facilitate the transition:
   - The Digital Story Program planned for this semester has been postponed; several persons expressed interest in the program, though very few have actually submitted proposals. As plans for the program become clearer, notices will be posted in the Staff Digest and to those who have shown interest in this program.
   - Joe Kmiech will act as the interim campus coordinator for system Learning Technologies Development Council (LTDC) issues. Joe attended the recent Northwest Regional Technology Showcase held in Eau Claire on February 24, 2012. He and Lisa also plan to attend the LTDC/ITMC system-wide technology meeting in Stevens Point on April 16 and 17.

7. Maria proposed that CETL will host a recognition celebration for Lisa Larson at the end of April in the CETL suite. Meanwhile she and Lisa will be making transition plans.

8. Suzanne Griffith reported that the final three late submissions for next fall’s First Year Seminars have been approved by the General Education Committee. A workshop for FYS instructors is scheduled for May 21st. Haji Dokhanchi and Xingbo Lee have been piloting a FYS mentoring program by sophomores and juniors in their current FYS classes this spring. Mentoring is planned to expand to more FYS classes in the Fall 2012, to include leadership training and paid positions by those students who accept a mentoring position.

9. The early summer CETL event scheduled for June 5th will focus on Student Learning through General Education Assessment. Eri Fujieda is organizing and facilitating the event with support from CETL.

10. For the August CETL Teaching and Learning Intensive Workshop, CETL is considering a focus on Critical Thinking or Creativity in Thinking, issues highlighted by Dr. Mark Nook at the recent Spring OPID Meeting. Continuing Education/Extension (CEE) and Distance Learning (DL) might provide valuable support in focusing on these issues. More discussion on this event will be held at the next CETL Advisory Committee meeting.

11. There is no further progress in planning for the Fall 2012 Enhancement Day, other than a recommendation that it focus on Retention and Recruitment. More information needs to be provided from the Provost’s Office and from the Student Retention Committee before plans can proceed.

12. Vicky Madison agreed to provide a few lines on behalf of the CETL Advisory Committee for the upcoming May issue of the CETL Connections Newsletter.

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.
Minutes recorded and submitted by Emily Levings.
At the April 23, 2012 meeting, Hilary Fezzey motioned for approval of the minutes of April 9, 2012, and Karl Bahm seconded the motion. With no changes to the report as submitted, the advisory committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes.