UCUI Minutes

November 26, 2012

**Members Present:** Bhushan Bhatt, Julie Borkin, Claudia Grobbel, Seong Cho, Susan Evans, Irene Fox, Cindy Hermsen, Robert Jarski, Carolyn O'Mahony, Steven Shablin, Kanako Taku, Amanda Nichols

Guests: Sandy Dykstra, Kathy Moore and Brad Roth

Welcomed new member Kanako Taku from the Psychology department. Introductions made for all members and guests.

Meeting lead by Steve Shablin.

Minutes from November 13, 2012 were approved

**Physics course discussion**: Explanation to rationale for changing Physics course to a 5 credit combined lecture & lab course than will fulfill a general education requirement. Kathy Moore discussed improved grade outcomes when this has been done with other courses. Bhushan Bhatt discussed the issue of increasing credits for the Engineering curriculum and requests for the 4 credit option to remain. Brad Roth stated this could be done at the request from the Dean of the School of Engineering but reminded the group this would not fulfill a general education requirement.

**Excused Absences Policy for Military Students**: deferred

**Bachelors of Integrative Studies (BIS) review**. Feedback and discussion from the group includes:

Continued concerns regarding need for intensive advising for this students (O’Mahony)

Need to stronger organizational structure and mentoring(Cho)

Recommend to develop a core curriculum

Emphasize identification of a minor

Recruit more freshman

Appreciated the ability to design a 21st century curriculum for a specific career.

Motion to approve BIS report with changes (O’Mahony 1st, Nichols 2nd). Motion approved

**Self-Studies** in progress

C. Grobbel offered to work with A. Nichols on Theater self study.

Meeting adjourned by S. Shablin

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by C. Grobbel