Bill Erdly called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

Agenda:

1. Approval of minutes from February 16, 2006
2. Announcements/Updates
   a. FCEO new building groundbreaking
   b. Study – Reorganization of UW Schools/Colleges
   c. Lifelong Learning Award
   d. Vice-Chair nominations for FCEO
3. Review of “Phase I” DL legislation
4. New business: FCTCP meeting regarding FCEO new degree proposals/process
5. Report on processes for UWEO-sponsored/co-sponsored degrees
6. Discussion of FCEO documentation/help guide
7. Other issues/next meeting agenda

The minutes for February 16 were approved.

Announcements:

- UWEO had a groundbreaking ceremony on March 9. Speakers included President Mark Emmert, Provost Phyllis Wise, and Mayor Greg Nickels. The new building will be constructed in the existing Visitor’s Center building across from Schmitz Hall. The demolition of the VC building will begin in a few weeks and the new UWEO building is slated to be finished in June 2007.
- A study and committee is being formed by the Provost Office to assess the UW’s current organization of colleges and schools. The committee is being formed in consultation with the Faculty Senate. UWEO will probably not be included in the study because UWEO is an administrative unit and not academic.
- Information Systems Task Force.
  - Mike Eisenberg is the chair of this group.
  - The task force is reviewing our databases and looking at the future vision. They are looking at the totality of all the systems which includes 700 systems that all produce different data.
  - The UW database systems are not integrated and do not communicate with each other.
  - It is very difficult for staff to get material out of some systems. Individual offices have access to certain databases but not all.
  - Rogers commented that the budget system is very difficult and is not accessible.
  - The Task Force is also looking at the problem of security.
The winner of the Faculty Contributions to Lifelong Learning Award is Thomas Linder, a Senior Lecturer in the UW School of Medicine’s Department of Physiology and Biophysics.

Jeff Wilkes volunteered to be the Vice-Chair for the FCEO committee.

**Distance Learning Legislation**

FCEO members read through the document and made a number of edits and changes. Please refer to the handout at the meeting. Bill Erdly will edit and update the document and distribute to the FCEO members for review.

**FCTCP – the Faculty Council of Tri-Campus Policy**

This group met and discussed the possible competition between UWEQ and the branch campuses for offering degree programs. The FCEO members discussed this.

**Fee-based degrees**

Szatmary handed out a number of documents including new initiatives, existing fee-based degrees and their enrollments, and an example of a memo of agreement.

To establish a new degree you need a number of approvals:
- Academic units need to have approval of the faculty.
- Approval is needed from departments.
- The Graduate School needs to approve graduate programs.
- The HECB needs to approve new degrees.

To begin a new degree you need to have a budget and projections.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10.

Minutes by Coralie Watters, Administrative Assistant, UW Educational Outreach.

Present:
Faculty: Erdly, Olavarria, Rogers, Wilkes, Warnick
Ex Officio: Stevens
President’s Designee: Szatmary

Absent:
Faculty: Eberhardt, Keifer, Brock, Kyes, Zieler,
Ex Officio: Campbell