Pew Faculty Teaching and Learning Center Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes March 12, 2012

Present: David Bair, Deborah Herrington, Vijay Gondhalekar, Lynn Sheehan, Kim Kenward, Christine Rener, Peter Riemersma, Michael Scantlebury, Ellen Shupe, Laurie Stickler, and Joy Washburn.

Meeting called to order: 1:00pm

Approval of Agenda: The committee voted to approve the agenda. Joy Washburn moved, Vijay Gondhalekar. Approved.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: The committee voted to approve the minutes of February 27, 2012. Vijay Gondhalekar moved, Joy Washburn seconded. Approved.

Announcements:

Wednesday March 14 is the 11th Annual Teaching and Learning with Technology Conference. On May 20 - 22nd at the GVSU Eberhard Center is the Scholarship of Teaching Conference. There is a FTLC Teaching Life Retreat on May 2 and 3 at the Pierce Cedar Creek Institute in Hastings, Michigan. The Retreat will discuss the book "Inspired College Teaching" by Mary Ellen Weimer.

1. Old Business

A. Consistent Student Evaluation Tool

Digital Measures We discussed the Digital Measures tool and commented on the flexibility and large number of questions to choose from. We noted that the data is stored at digital measures and based on our enrollment would cost around \$24,000 a year.

Class Climate (Scantron) We commented on the numerous survey options of Class Climate (alumni etc.) and different evaluation features (nurse practicals etc.). Class Climate uses scanning of written comments and we discussed the impact on anonymity of student responses of this approach.

We agreed that both tools deserved further consideration. However, we identified questions to ask representatives that include 1) have the questions been validated? 2) what other universities are using this tool? 3) what do the reports and sample questions look like?

2. New Business

With two more meeting to go we discussed what we wanted to accomplish before the end of the year. We decided to discuss the next meeting some procedural issues raised by the Teaching Award subcommittee. David mentioned that we need to select a chair for the FTLC committee for next year. We also decided to continue to hold teleconferenced meetings and try to meet nose to nose once at the beginning of the year.

Meeting adjourned: 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by, Peter Riemersma, Vice Chair