Members Present: Rachelle Althaus, Brian Cawley, Dana Hebreard, Tom Steenwyk, Angela Syaan, Andrea Prins, Amy Wilstermann, Julie Yonker (chair)

Members Absent:

1. Prayer – J. Yonker

2. Introductions – New and returning committee members introduced themselves. The committee members for the 2011-2012 academic year are:
   - Rachelle Althaus – Student (nursing)
   - Brian Cawley – Faculty (business)
   - Dana Hebreard – Advising Director
   - Tom Steenwyk – Registrar
   - Angela Svaan – Student (general program)
   - Andrea Prins – Student Life (RD)
   - Amy Wilstermann – Faculty (biology)
   - Julie Yonker – Faculty (psychology)

3. Committee Mandate Review – J. Yonker

4. CONNECT Reflections
   - J. Yonker described CONNECT for the student committee members
   - Change to 2011 CONNECT event – students met with advisors during the lunch hour (rather than prior to dinner); there is much agreement that this schedule worked much better
   - Challenges
     - Lack of consistency on length of CONNECT event – some departments want way over the time limit, others dismissed early
     - Students did not know who their advisors were ahead of time (or did not look for the information on their AERs) – this led to some confusion at the beginning of the event, especially in large departments
     - Undecided students – Which CONNECT session are they attending? How can undecided students that choose to attend a departmental CONNECT session best be served (they do not appear on advising lists, there is no way to determine the number of these students that will attend)
   - Gather feedback about 2011 CONNECT event – D. Hebreard will send note/questionnaire to department chairs and administrative assistants requesting feedback about the CONNECT sessions in their departments

5. Discussion: What are the Implications of Pre-registering First-year Students?
   - Students that are currently preregistered – Transfer students, Engineering students (Passport IV only), Nursing students (Passport IV only)
   - Concerns:
     - Is advising an incentive to attend orientation? Would students be less likely to attend orientation if advising was no longer a key component of the program?
     - Several changes would need to be made after students did have the chance to meet with an advisor – resulting in a lot of extra/duplicated work for the registration office

6. Meeting Adjorned – 9:00am

Submitted by Amy Wilstermann