Members Present: Rachelle Althaus, Brian Cawley, Dana Hebreard, Amy Wilstermann, Julie Yonker (chair)

Members Absent: Tom Steenwyk, Angela Swaan, Andrea Prins

Guest:

1. **Prayer** – J. Yonker

2. **First Year Experience Conference Update** – D. Hebreard and J. Yonker reported items of interest from the conference
   - **Jennifer Bloom (USC, NICADA)**
     - Appreciative advising approach (AppreciativeAdvising.net)
     - Using similar strategies to create positive classroom environment
   - **University of Montana - Extended Orientations**
     - Online resources
     - Welcome weeks
     - Advising questionnaire (developmental) for students to complete before summer advising
     - Registrar places students in three classes before summer advising; enables advisors to spend more time talking about other things (including other two “choice” classes) with students; relieves parent anxiety; reduces number of last minute class changes
   - **Other Ideas**
     - Shadow advising by RDs
     - Professional advisors for all first year students, faculty advisors for 2-4 year students
     - First year, first semester course (English) serves as first year experience course
       - Instructor serves as first year advisor
       - Course can be taught by faculty across disciplines (3 credits for students, 4 load hours for faculty in recognition of additional time spent advising)

3. **Advising Surveys** - reviewed draft versions of Evaluation of Faculty Advising surveys; made revisions to student survey (will discuss revisions of advisor survey at next meeting)

Submitted by Amy Wilstermann