15 April 2011 Minutes of the Undergraduate (UG) Critical Thinking Workshop

Attendees: Terry Adler, Greg Roth, Dennis Clason, Bruce Huhmann, Kevin Mc Nelis, Judith Weisinger, John Loveland, Rich Fortin, David Daniel, Ed Scribner, Al Berryman, Bobbie Green, Kelly Tian, Bill Foster and Hari Sankaran

Facilitator: Sherry Mills

Meeting Called to Order at 1130.

Faculty who teach in the undergraduate curriculum attended a critical thinking workshop on 15 April 2011. Faculty brought any current or planned course materials that could be adapted to teach critical thinking to this workshop. Dialogue was robust on how to improve student learning in teaching critical thinking skills and in improving student learning in critical thinking. We appreciate the inputs from Grace Ann Rosile, Dale Spencer, Maria De Boyrie and Ben Taylor who went above and beyond by providing assignments and feedback even though they could not attend the meeting.

All faculty are requested to put the following learning objective into their Fall 2011 syllabi if they are going to teach a “Critical Thinking” component in their courses:

“Students will think critically.”

Also, we remind faculty to weight the “Critical Thinking” component to at least 5% of the course grade in their course beginning in Fall 2011. Each department developed, or is developing, an assignment appropriate for use in the Fall 2011 semester for their respective departments. Please see your respective department representative, either Greg Roth (Finance), Bruce Huhmann (Marketing), Terry Adler (Management), Kevin Mc Nelis (Accounting and IS), or Dennis Clason (Economics and A Stat), if you need to review this assignment.

Faculty are reminded to forward their finished “Critical Thinking” assignments that will be used in their Fall 2011 courses to Terry Adler by 29 April 2011. His e-mail address is: tadler@nmsu.edu. Thank you.

Meeting Adjourned at 1330.

Submitted by: Terry Adler, Chair