

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE

Juan Manfredi, Chair

February 19, 2013

Minutes

Present: J. Manfredi (Chair), M. Druzdzel, B. Falcione, S. Meyer, C. Schunn, and C. Golden (Staff Liaison).

Approval of the Minutes

Juan Manfredi asked for a motion from council members to approve the December 13, 2012, meeting minutes. The motion was offered, seconded, and approved. The minutes will be posted on the ACIE website.

Report of the Chair

Juan Manfredi, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Studies and a former member of the ACIE, succeeds Andrew Blair as council chair for the remainder of the academic year. Dr. Blair has returned to faculty of the Katz Graduate School of Business.

Dr. Manfredi discussed several items:

- The January 24th edition of the *University Times* printed an article entitled “Online Course Evaluations Get Mixed Results.” The article discussed the findings of the pilot study that the ACIE’s Committee on Best Practices recently conducted.
- The deadline for the Innovation in Education Award proposals was January 31. Thirty proposals were submitted. Instructions regarding the evaluation process will be distributed electronically. Council members will meet on March 21 to discuss the proposals.

Best Practices Committee

Christian Schunn delivered the committee report. Committee members discussed several issues related to the move to online OMET evaluations, including interventions to create a higher response rate. Committee members also discussed variance in departmental, school, and regional campus response rates and variance in response rates between classes with large and small enrollments.

Faculty Development Committee

Marek Druzdzel delivered the committee report. Committee members are working with CIDDE staff to plan this year’s Summer Instructional Development Institute (on May 6), which is tentatively entitled Principles of Multimedia Development and Learning. Two individuals will present: Richard Mayer, Professor of Psychology at the University of California, Santa Barbara, and Joanna Garner, Research Assistant Professor at Old Dominion University.

CIDDE Report

Cynthia Golden, Director of CIDDE, delivered the staff liaison report. She commented on several items:

- The University continues to work with Coursera. Coursera is a social entrepreneurship company that partners with universities to offer free online courses.
- Ms. Golden suggested that CIDDE's senior staff members address the Council about various aspects of the center's operations.

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:00 PM. The next Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 24, at 10:00 AM.