

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE

Juan Manfredi, Chair

April 24, 2013

Minutes

Present: J. Manfredi (Chair), M. Druzdzal, B. Falcione, G. Hatfull, D. Jenkins, S. Meyer, P. Mirchandani, P. Newman, C. Schunn, J. Wallace, and C. Golden (Staff Liaison).

Approval of the Minutes

Juan Manfredi asked for a motion from council members to approve the February 19, 2013, meeting minutes. The motion was offered, seconded, and approved. The minutes will be posted on the ACIE website.

Report of the Chair

Dr. Manfredi mentioned several items:

- Thirty proposals were submitted to the Innovation in Education Award program, and seven were funded. Of the latter number, five proposals dealt with large-lecture classes.
- The Deans' Council's Undergraduate Task Force on Online Learning and Undergraduate Studies passed its report onto the Enrollment Management Committee.

Council members also discussed how to improve the Innovation in Education Award program evaluation process.

Best Practices Committee

Christian Schunn delivered the committee report. Committee members continue to discuss issues related to the move to online OMET evaluations, including interventions to create a higher response rate. Committee members determined that the largest discrepancy between in-class and online evaluations exists in undergraduate small- and medium-sized classes.

Faculty Development Committee

Cynthia Golden delivered the committee report. This year's Summer Instructional Development Institute will be held on May 6. The event is entitled Visual Teaching. 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

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

- CIDDE is conducting benchmarking in order to determine how similar units at other educational institutions operate.

- The University continues to work with Coursera. More than 94,000 people are now registered for Pitt's Coursera courses.
- Faculty members continue to make heavy use of Courseweb. More than 65 percent of faculty members use it for almost 60 percent of course offerings.
- CIDDE offers numerous opportunities for faculty consultation over the summer, including items related to course development and student assessment.
- Senior staff members will address the Council about various aspects of the center's operations in the fall.

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:00 AM. The next Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 20, at 3:00 PM.