

## **ADVISORY COUNCIL ON INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE**

**Andrew R. Blair, Chair**

**October 15, 2012**

### **Minutes**

Present: A. Blair (Chair), P. Chew, M. Druzdzal, B. Falcione, D. Jenkins, P. Newman, C. Schunn, and C. Golden (Staff Liaison).

### **Approval of the Minutes**

Andrew Blair asked for a motion from Council members to approve the September 6, 2012, meeting minutes. The motion was offered, seconded, and approved. The minutes will be posted on the ACIE website.

### **Report of the Chair**

Dr. Blair discussed the Innovation in Education Awards RFP. The RFP will be mailed to all full- and part-time faculty members at all University campuses and circulated electronically to all deans and department chairs. Cynthia Golden, Director of CIDDE, also will distribute the RFP to her colleagues in the schools and at the regional campuses. Per the Provost's request, the RFP emphasizes and encourages proposals that focus on large classes, but it does not distinguish among or give preference to professional, graduate, or undergraduate classes.

### **Best Practices Committee**

Chris Schunn, Committee Chair, discussed the Committee's activities. In accordance with the Provost's request, the Committee members will monitor the transfer from paper to online teaching evaluations. They are aware of the online evaluations' decrease in response rates in the pilot study and the potential variance in response rates among schools. Council members also discussed the potential impact of large undergraduate classes on students at the University and noted that the Council of Deans is exploring this issue in one of the Council's working groups.

### **Faculty Development Committee**

Marek Druzdzal, Committee Chair, discussed the Committee's activities. Committee members are working with CIDDE to enhance and advertise CIDDE's fall workshops. They also discussed spring workshops and whether these workshops should reflect the Provost's expressed interest in large classes.

### **CIDDE Report**

Ms. Golden delivered the staff liaison report. She commented on a number of items.

The first topic was Courseweb, which as of October 1, was supporting 4100 active classes. Council members discussed problems with auto-course creation and whether courses are deleted too quickly.

Ms. Golden also discussed “Blackboard mobile,” which was first implemented in 2011. Usage has increased significantly over time. On October 1, 2011, 290 people logged on to Blackboard mobile, and one year later, on October 1, 2012, 2670 people logged on using it. During this one-year period, approximately 15,000 unique visitors accessed it.

CIDDE has hosted or will host several faculty development seminars:

- “How Learning Works: Seven Research-Based Principles for Smart Teaching” will be held on October 19.
- “Excellence in Teaching: Chancellor's Distinguished Teaching Award Recipients Panel” will be held on October 26.
- “Authoring POGIL (“Process Oriented Guided Inquiry Learning”) Activities: An Introduction” will be held on November 5.

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at approximately noon. The next Council meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 16, at 2:00 PM.