Minutes


Approval of the Minutes

Laurie Kirsch asked for a motion from council members to approve the December 5, 2013, meeting minutes. The motion was offered, seconded, and approved. The minutes will be posted on the ACIE website.

Innovation in Education Awards

On March 21, the Council met to evaluate the proposals for the Innovation in Education Awards. Dr. Kirsch subsequently consulted with the Provost regarding the Council’s recommendations. The Provost agreed to fund 10 of the 32 proposals. All principal investigators – both funded and unfunded – have been notified via e-mail of their status. Official notification letters will be sent soon.

During the meeting, Council members suggested potential improvements to the RFP, such as providing additional detail on proposal requirements, providing a template for the proposal, defining the factors that the Council uses to evaluate the proposals, and better defining the term “innovative” as it applies to the program (particularly within the context of specific disciplines).

Council members discussed a major weakness in the process, i.e., the lack of calibration across evaluations (because proposals are only reviewed by several members), and ways to correct this weakness, such as asking Council members to skim all proposals and sharing reviewers comments with all evaluators.

They also discussed several miscellaneous items, such as using explicit, list-like criteria to triage the proposals; contacting departmental chairs regarding marginal proposals as a way of increasing the chances of funding these proposals; and hosting a one-hour meeting in order to prepare new Council members the review process.

CIDDE

Cynthia Golden, director of CIDDE, briefly discussed the Center’s five-year plan. Key areas of strategic focus include, but are not limited to, instructional support, assessment, online learning, learning environments, event support, human resources and professional development, and partnerships with other University units.

Ms. Golden highlighted some of the accomplishments of the current academic year:

- video learning initiatives at the regionals
- the recent Blackboard upgrade
• the University’s relationship with Coursera
• the development of CIDDE’s new testing center

Ms. Golden mentioned several foci for the upcoming year:
• the new faculty fellows program
• the Diversity Summit
• revision of the “Working with Your TA” program
• increasing OMET response rates

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:00 AM.