

COMMITTEE ON INSTRUCTIONAL DEVELOPMENT
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Members of the committee:

Elected

Kirk Fiedler, Business (2013)
Esmail Jabbari, Engineering & Computing (2013)
Sharon Verba, Libraries (2013)
Karen Brown, Libraries (2014)
Jeffrey Patton, Medicine (2014)
Susan Rathbun-Grubb, Library & Information Science (2014)
Charley Adams, Public Health (2015)
Peter Binev - chair, Mathematics (2015)
Ernest Wiggins, Journalism & Mass Communications (2015)

Ex-Officio

Christine Curtis, Office of the Provost
Helen Doeringhaus, Office of the Provost
Christy Friend (Jeremy Lane as interim), Center for Teaching Excellence
Bryan Jenkins, University Instructional Services

Appointed

Nathan Carnes, Education (2013)
Theresa Smith, Pharmacy (2013)
Linda Shimizu, Chemistry (2014)
Ashwani Monga, Business (2014)
Sarah Battersby, Geography (2015)
Lawrence Rhu, English (2015)
Jesse Keeney, undergraduate student
Sarthak Subudhi, graduate student (until December 2012)

Meetings:

October 9, 2012

December 3, 4, and 5, 2012 – meetings of the four subcommittees

April 30, 2013

May 29, 2013

July 25, 2013

During the 2012-2013 academic year the Faculty Senate Committee on Instructional Development focused on determining the problems of course instruction that the University has been facing or could face in the near future. Four subcommittees were formed to consider the following subjects:

1. Needs Assessment – to initiate studies and make recommendations on enhancing the practice and status of teaching; in particular, to identify the current needs and the aspects not addressed by other committees.
2. Instructional Needs of Distance Education Delivery – to survey the emerging needs in instructional development especially in connection with the Palmetto College and to engage in the process of vetting by the Faculty Senate of courses that are going to introduce distance delivery.
3. Feedback from Teaching Evaluations – to consider how the feedback from the teaching evaluations can be used to improve the instruction techniques; to assess from this perspective the need of reexamination of the current list of mandatory questions and eventual dissemination of certain statistical data.
4. Technological Needs in Instruction – to discuss possibilities for enhancing the teaching techniques and improving the instructor-student communications inside and outside the classroom based upon the increasing use of the handheld devices and the wireless technology in everyday life.

On the subject of distance education delivery the Committee had several consultations with Dr. Lacy Ford, Vice Provost, Dr. Kristia Finnigan, Director of Academic Programs, and Dr. Brian Habing, Chair of Committee on Curricula and Courses. As a result, on its meeting on June 12, 2013, the Faculty Senate Steering Committee decided that the Committee on Instructional Development will vet the course proposals for adding the distance method of delivery before their consideration by the Faculty Senate.

The committee elected Dr. Charley Adams (Public Health) as Chair for the 2013-2014 academic year.

Respectfully submitted on July 26, 2013, by
Peter G. Binev, Chair 2012-2013