

FACULTY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A FACULTY COMMITTEE ON INSTRUCTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

BACKGROUND:

The Task Force on Instructional Development was established in the Fall, 1990, by the Office of the Provost to enhance the practice of and status of teaching at the University of South Carolina. The Task Force is appointed by the Provost and consists of 15 members. The current membership includes:

William Bearden, College of Business Administration
John Mark Dean, College of Science and Math (Biological Sciences)
Susan Forman, Associate Provost, Chair
John Gandy, College of Social Work
John Gardner, University 101, Regional Campuses
Thavolia Glymph, College of Humanities and Social Sciences (History)
Donald Greiner, College of Humanities and Social Sciences (English)
Therese Kuhs, College of Education
Aralynn McMane, College of Journalism
Jerome Odom, College of Science and Math (Chemistry)
Daniel Pesut, College of Nursing
Sue Rosser, Women's Studies/School of Medicine
Elmer Schwartz, College of Engineering
Suzanne Stroman, College of Applied Professional Sciences
Lori Thombs, College of Science and Math (Statistics)

Since its inception the Task Force has completed a multitude of tasks. In the Spring, 1991, the Task Force issued a report concerning the status of teaching and recommendations for improving teaching. The recommendations contained in the report were printed in USC Times. The Task Force also provided specific input to the Office of the Provost which led to the initiation and implementation of the following programs:

- 1) The faculty teaching breakfast seminar series;
- 2) Colloquia on teaching issues presented by nationally known experts on teaching;
- 3) Workshops on teaching to provide more in-depth examination of issues presented at the breakfasts and colloquia;
- 4) The Instructional Innovation Grants program;
- 5) The Instructional Development Fund for faculty travel to teaching-related presentations and costs of bringing consultants to campus to work with groups of faculty;
- 6) An annual panel presentation by winners of the AMOCO Award;
- 7) Increase in the stipend associated with the AMOCO Award from \$1000 to \$2500;
- 8) Revision of the orientation program for new faculty to include a focus on teaching; and
- 9) The recently announced Lilly Teaching Fellows Program which will provide mentoring for junior faculty.

The Task Force is currently working with the Office of University Advancement in efforts to establish chaired teaching professorships and to increase the information flow to external constituencies regarding positive aspects of teaching at USC.

RECOMMENDATION: - *Approved*

The current structure of the Task Force on Enhancing Teaching shall be continued with the present membership until Faculty Senate elections in the Spring, 1993. At that time, in order to ensure the continuation of the work of the Task Force, it shall become the Faculty Committee on Instructional Development. Three (3) new members shall be elected each year by the faculty for 3 year terms until 9 of the 15 faculty members are elected. The six (6) remaining members will be appointed by the Office of the Provost with 2 new members being appointed each year for 3 year terms beginning in the Spring, 1993. Appointed student members, one graduate and one undergraduate, shall be added to the Committee to serve one year terms. A representative from the Office of the Provost shall serve as an *ex officio* member. The Committee shall elect its own Chair. The membership is to be selected to guarantee broad representation of the colleges and academic ranks. The task of the committee will be to advise the administration on matters pertaining to the improvement of teaching within the context of the research university.

WORDING FOR FACULTY MANUAL: - *Approved as amended*

Faculty Committee on Instructional Development

This committee shall advise the faculty and administration on matters pertaining to the improvement of teaching within the context of the research university. This committee shall initiate studies and make recommendations to the faculty and administration on programs that will enhance the practice of and status of teaching at the University of South Carolina. The membership of the committee shall include nine faculty members elected for terms of three years, with three members elected annually. Six other faculty members shall be appointed by ~~the Office~~ of the Provost for terms of three years, with two members ~~elected~~ annually, to guarantee broad representation of the colleges and academic ranks. Student members, one graduate and one undergraduate, shall be appointed to the Committee by the president of the student body and confirmed by the Student Senate to serve one year terms. A representative from the Office of the Provost shall serve as an *ex officio* member. The Committee shall elect its own chair.

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