Distance Learning Committee – Completed Action Items 2012/13

1) Defined and developed uniform procedures to facilitate development of online courses and programs. Those procedures available at: http://distance.fsu.edu/instructors/developing-and-managing-online-program

2) Reviewed and supported the submission of the FSU Distance Learning Policy for Faculty Senate approval. The document was unanimously approved by the Faculty Senate on September 19, 2012 and was published for SACS review September 20, 2012.

3) Discussed and supported ODL testing and evaluation of multiple options for delivery of online courses using new applications such as Tegrity Lecture Capture, Turnitin, SafeAssign, and Kaltura.

4) Supported the selection of the Quality Matters Rubric for measuring online course quality and made that tool available to the FS Curriculum Committee.

5) Requested and received survey results of a comparison of the SafeAssign anti-plagiarism tool as compared to the Turnitin application used for the same purpose. Made recommendations to administrators and the Technology Committee to support the renewal of both tools.

6) Reviewed the comparison of online successful course completion rates as compared to on-campus courses. Discussed ongoing comparisons and developing additional survey tools.

7) Participated in the development of the Curriculum Request Application and database being developed by ODL for the FS Curriculum Committee to replace the paper-based Form 2 used to request alternative modes of instruction.

Ongoing Projects and Concerns

1) Ongoing discussions regarding student evaluation of online instructors and online courses.

2) Development of an online Certification Program for Online Instructors.

3) Requests submitted for technology fee funding for the expansion of distance learning technology for faculty development and online course delivery.

4) Requests submitted to the Provost's Office for the expansion of the Testing and Assessment Unit for proctored testing and scanning.