

**Report to the Faculty Senate
From the
University Distance Learning Committee
For the Academic Year 2013-2014**

The University Distance Learning Committee (DLC) consists of the following members:

G. Stacy Sirmans, Chair, College of Business
Abbas Darabi, Education
Randy Dumm, College of Business
Susan Fiorito, College of Business, UCC Chair
Jen Koslow, Arts and Sciences, UPC Chair
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Ex officio members:

VP for Faculty Development and Advancement or designee
Director of ODL
Vice President for Academic Affairs or designee

The FSU Distance Learning Committee (DLC) provides policy development, oversight, and academic advice specific to the design and implementation of Distance Learning courses and degree programs. In particular, the committee has the following responsibilities:

1. To propose to the Senate procedures and standards for authorization to offer courses and programs by delivery methods other than standard classroom delivery, and for enduring quality control of such course and program offerings.
2. To monitor the effectiveness with which the procedures and standards and standards adopted are being implemented.
3. To propose to the Senate modifications to existing standards and procedures as appropriate. This committee will supplement, not supplant, the functions of other existing committees.

The Distance Learning Committee did not meet over the academic year 2013-2014. We are currently working with the faculty senate president to set an agenda and determine discussion items for the coming year. If the Faculty Senate Steering Committee, faculty senators, faculty members at large, or others have issues that they feel should be brought before the DLC, please send them to me. A starting point may be the online courses that have been highlighted by the new course scheduling system for which no reviews have been completed.

There are some things over the last year that enhanced/highlighted distance learning on campus. First, I was in contact over the year with Susann Rudasill at the Office of Distance Learning and worked closely with her to prepare for the SACS visit this spring (which went very well). Other items: the use of Tegrity has increased over the year, ODL has purchased Collaborate, and Go-To-Meeting is being purchased for use in the College of Business.

Thank you to all the members of this committee for their willingness to serve.

Respectfully Submitted,

G. Stacy Sirmans