Report to the FSU Faculty Senate From the FSU Distance Learning Committee For the Academic Year 2022-2023

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

G. Stacy Sirmans, Chair, College of Business Larry Dennis, College of Communication and Information Lynne Hinnant, College of Communication and Information

Other Members:

Daniel Mears, Criminology and Criminal Justice, UPC Chair Ulla Bunz, Communication and Information, GPC Chair

Ex officio Members:

Vice President for Academic Affairs or designee (TBA, Associate VP for Academic Affairs) Vice President for Faculty Development and Advancement or designee Director, Office of Distance Learning

The Charge of the Distance Learning Committee:

The Distance Learning Committee shall provide policy development, oversight, and academic advice specific to the design and implementation of Distance Learning courses and degree programs. In particular, the committee will have the following responsibilities.

- i. 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.
- ii. To monitor the effectiveness with which the procedures and standards adopted are being implemented.
- iii. 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.

Over the academic year 2022-2023 the Distance Learning Committee had no issues that required holding any formal meetings.

However, in summer 2023 the DLC will work to incorporate into the Distance Learning Handbook language relative to a new policy on Special Topics courses approved by the Faculty Senate in spring 2023. The DLC will also be working in the summer to make clarifying updates to the DL Handbook relative to SACS.

In general, the DLC stands ready to meet if the need arises and we will be 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 make me aware of them.

Thanks to all the members of the DLC committee for their willingness to serve.

Respectfully Submitted,

G. Stacy Sirmans, Chair FSU Distance Learning Committee

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