

2003-04 Teaching Committee Report

May 11, 2004

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1: The Committee received the following charges during the 2003-04 academic year:
Standing Charge

The teaching Committee shall be responsible for all matters relating to evaluation and improvement of the quality of instruction in the college, and for making appropriate recommendations to the dean and the faculty

Specific Charges

Charge 1: Evaluate and disseminate data from the Spring 2003 pilot study in which all full professors in the College of Engineering conducted their ACE's with the EASY system. With due faculty input and consultation with the Dean's office, draft a policy for online instructor evaluations that will be brought to the faculty for approval.

Charge 2: The UI Council on Teaching has recently proposed to the Provost's Office that all Colleges henceforth assume full responsibility for establishing criteria and selecting winners of their Collegiate Teaching Awards. Recipients of the more prestigious university wide Presidential Teaching Awards will be selected by the UI Council on Teaching.

- A. Evaluate procedures for selecting College of Engineering Teaching Award recipients.
- B. Establish procedures for nominating College of Engineering candidates for Presidential Teaching Awards.
- C. Participate in selection and nomination of teaching award recipients for AY 2003-04.

Charge 3: Provide an interim report to the EFC by January 17, 2004 and a final report by April 15, 2004.

Charge 4: Recommend specific charges for the 2004-2005 Teaching Committee.

2: In response to these charges, the committee took the following actions:

A: Reviewed the submissions for the Collegiate Teaching Award, and recommended a recipient of the Award to the Dean's Office.

B: Reviewed the submissions for the new President's and Provost's Award for Excellence in Teaching, and forwarded the successful application to the Council on Teaching.

C: Reviewed the data from the Electronic ACE test conducted in Spring semester 2003. The review indicated that the E-ACE system was functional. Accordingly the committee drafted a policy which was forwarded to the EFC. The EFC has amended that policy and are presenting it for faculty consideration at the May 11 faculty meeting.

D: A concern for the committee was that relatively few applications were made for the teaching awards. Only three departments submitted nominations for the Collegiate Teaching Award. Only one department submitted a nomination for the President's and Provost's Teaching Excellence Award. The committee would recommend that departments be more pro-active in generating applications. The committee would also recommend that ways be found to encourage student groups to submit applications for these prestigious awards.