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2021-2022 Online Learning Operations Advisory Committee (OLOAC)

Margaret Edwards, School of Information Sciences, *Co-Chair, 2020-2022*

Adam King, Gies College of Business, *Co-Chair, 2021-2023*

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John Hart, Office of Professional Education, *ex-officio*

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Dear Colleagues:

Thank you for agreeing to serve as a member of the Online Learning Operations Advisory Committee (OLOAC). OLOAC is a standing committee reporting to the Interim Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education and managed by the Assistant Provost for Educational Innovation. Membership on the committee is indicated via your position in your respective colleges or units as it relates to online policies. Margaret (Meg) Edwards, Assistant Dean for Student Affairs in the School of Information Sciences, and Adam King, Associate Director of e-Learning in the Gies College of Business, will co-chair this committee for 2021-2022.

The purpose of this committee is to provide a forum for colleges to engage with one another and the campus around issues and needs related to the operation of our online courses and programs. Your input on these issues is extremely valuable as we continue to grow and develop our online learning portfolio.

For the 2021-2022 Academic Year, I request that OLOAC consider the following:

1. Consider online educational issues and opportunities related to the COVID-19 pandemic and how these issues will affect our future operational strategy;
2. Identify infrastructure and policy needs associated with online teaching and learning
3. Identify best practices in online learning and consider methods of sharing these practices across campus;
4. Consider the role of OLOAC in advising on the expanding definition of “online” across campus;
5. Coordinate with other education related activities and groups on campus, especially to address any questions/concerns about Illinois’ online initiatives and online learning generally;
6. Identify, discuss and provide recommendations for new initiatives and services related to online education;
7. Provide feedback on policy questions related to online education.

Your committee serves the dual functions of a) serving as a forum to discuss and share information across campus units and b) providing input and advice to campus leadership on issues related to online education. Both functions are important to our success as an institution. The Provost is committed to supporting online education, and your committee plays an important role in realizing our goals. Please provide a short summary of the committee’s work and recommendations for future considerations by August 15, 2022.

Your OLOAC appointments are effective immediately and conclude on August 15, 2022. I greatly appreciate your willingness to take on this important responsibility.

Sincerely,



Lisa Monda-Amaya
Interim Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education

