

**Program Improvement Committee**  
**Feb 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010**  
**Southern Region**

*Members Present:*

David Jones (Chair)  
Jennifer Williams (Secretary)  
Leslie Edgar

*Others Present*

Kim Stair  
Dennis Duncan  
Wendy Warner

- I. Old Business
  - a. Judging sheet and procedures
    - i. Adopt NAAAE evaluation form
    - ii. Award 1, 2, 3 place to graduate students both innovative and research
    - iii. Award outstanding for faculty in both innovative and research
  - b. SAAS aided in the procurement of boards for the poster session.
  
- II. New Business
  - a. New Officers
    - i. Chair- Wendy Warner (if elected by the general session)
    - ii. Secretary-Diana King
  - b. Action Items
    - i. Check deadlines to make sure there is enough time between rejections from papers to turn into posters
    - ii. Or...create a check box in Fastrack that would allow submissions to roll to posters if rejected by paper reviews
  - c. Acceptance Race
    - i. Where do we draw the line on how many posters we accept
      1. If two reviewers accept and one rejects, the poster has historically been accepted
      2. Lower poster acceptance?
    - ii. Split research and innovation sessions to allow all to participate as both presenter and audience
  - d. Recommendations
    - i. Begin discussion on streamlining papers and posters
      1. Allow sufficient time between rejection notices and poster due dates
      2. Allow a "box" to be added to Fastrack allowing the researcher to submit the proposal as a poster if rejected as a paper
    - ii. Split research and innovative poster
      1. Split over original time slot (research for one hour and innovation for the other)
      2. Split over two breakfasts or different time slots
      3. All posters set up at the same time
    - iii. Judge only the top (number to be determined) abstracts per category (ie faculty research, faculty innovative, graduate student research, graduate student innovative)
    - iv. Acknowledge David Jones' work as a two year committee chair (amazing job)