

S597 HIGHER EDUCATION MATERIALS COMMITTEE

A. Status: Special committee

B. Objective: The committee is charged with the coordination of development of a broad range of materials that college level instructors can use in classroom instruction. The goal is to provide timely, peer-reviewed materials that represent the state of knowledge and current concepts in soil science

C. Composition: The size of the committee shall be reflective of the scope of the project and composed of active SSSA members. The scope of projects will require a group of dedicated, passionate and energetic individuals with an interest in increasing the use of cutting edge materials for the instruction of soil science. Participants should be identified to include those interested in the classroom instruction at all levels of university instruction.

D. Tenure: The term of service is two years for committee members. The Chair serves a two-year term.

E. Functions:

1. Define scope of work with significant deliverables and timelines to ensure the development and implementation of a successful program.
2. Initial goals include early development of a plan with priorities assigned to key tactics and development of required budget dollars for inclusion in the fiscal year 2015 budget.
3. An initial list of activities may include (by no means complete):
 - a. Research opportunities and develop a plan for a successful program
 - b. Develop resources and list of current educational activities developed by members and others interested in teaching children about the world of soils.
 - c. On our own or in partnership with other organizations, coordinate, develop and disseminate soils education materials for university instruction.
 - d. Create presentations to easily disseminate information.
 - e. Develop specific, measurable objectives for benchmarking progress and success.
 - f. Coordinate activities with the other Education Committees – K12 and Continuing Education.
4. The committee is accountable to the SSSA Board of Directors.

F. President's Responsibilities to the Committee:

The SSSA President:

1. Appoints new members to replace those whose terms expire and designates the Chair of the committee.
2. Serves as an advisor on the ideas and plans of the committee.