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Senate Committee: SRIs
November 18, 2013
Minutes

Present: Rebecca Ziegler, Jim Harris, Bill Levernier, Trent Maurer, Nan LoBue

The committee met in order to discuss the drafts of the faculty and administrator surveys prepared by Trent.

The length of the surveys appeared to be satisfactory.

On the administrators' survey, questions 5 and 6 could be revised to ascertain the weight the SRIs are given in making these personnel decisions.

There was some discussion about changing the order of questions 2 and 3. Trent explained that since #2 is open-ended, it might elicit positive responses. If it were to be moved to a later point in the survey, it might be interpreted that the SRIs are merely a way to evaluate teaching.

Trent suggested that we add a question to the faculty survey about how many hours students study.

On the faculty survey, question #11 should read, "add, delete, or change" rather than just "add." The latter part of the question would be altered to "which ones and why?"

The demographic section of the survey for faculty will ask for unit, rank, and tenure status only.

Trent will put the surveys into Qualtrics over winter break. He stated that he expects a 10% response rate, but that faculty who do respond will surely have helpful contributions that will help make the SRI a more useful instrument.

We should be prepared to test the survey; after it is "de-bugged," it will be sent to recipients during the second week of spring semester. We should send regular reminders and work within our own departments to encourage participation.

Respectfully submitted,

Nan LoBue