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Discussion:

That someone involved in the development of the trial SRIs currently being tested in randomly chosen courses come to the Faculty Senate and answer questions about the trial SRIs, including What has been the experience of faculty members whose work has been evaluated using the trial SRIs? What has been the experience of students who have employed the trial SRIs? Are we asking students to complete tasks on the trial SRIs that are beyond their capacity or willingness to fulfill? What guarantee do faculty have that the SLO section will not be used to enforce an intellectually-questionable uniformity across sections of the same course taught by different faculty?

Rationale:

SRIs have played a significant role in evaluations of faculty teaching. Many concerns have been expressed by faculty members about the trial SRI currently under consideration. Faculty senate is an appropriate forum for faculty to learn about the status of the trial SRI and voice their concerns.

Response:

Minutes 11-28-2016: This was not on the agenda because the chair of that committee has promised to come to the February Senate meeting, after the committee run their fall trial in face-to-face courses. They've only tested the instrument in online courses from the spring. They will also address any questions about this new instrument. No action will be taken on the SRIs at the February meeting so Senators will have the opportunity to tell them what they think, especially if they have experienced taking part in the pilot. Flynn assumed that the committee will make the instrument officially public before that meeting.