

# FTLC-AC MINUTES

Date: October 22, 2012

Location: 211 A DEV (Grand Rapids) and D-1-142 MAK (Allendale)

Meeting called to order at 1:00

Present: David Bair, Kyle Felker, Vijay Gondhalekar, Scott Grissom, Janel Pettes-Guikema, Deborah Herrington, Sarah Hay (student senate rep), Kim Kenward, Christine Rener, Laurie Stickler, Darren Walhof, Joy Washburn

1. Approval of Agenda
  - a. Motion to approve, Vijay, second Darren
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes (Oct. 8, 2012)
  - a. Motion to approve, Scott, second Vijay
  - b. All approved, except Darren and Kim abstained
3. Announcements

none
4. Follow-up: 2012-13 Committee Charge for FTLC-AC
  - a. No response yet from
5. Discussion: IDEA Paper
  - a. How do you see this fitting in to GVSU?
    - The IDEA Center produced this paper; are they unbiased?
    - they have references; are not selling a product
    - of course, they will use references that support their point of view; there are papers that present contrary views (such as some that abandon evaluations, but that is not going to happen at GVSU)
    - characteristics of students not related to the rating system; factors that undermine the reliability of any evaluation tool; these represent likely concerns of faculty when this issue is discussed more broadly.
    - should we also look for more varied articles, that might provide some balance to this article
      - but this article did survey a range of the literature
      - does provide some balance on the issues
      - key researchers are included and addressed in this paper
      - most studies of student evaluations are positive
      - studies have found that on evaluations, students can discern faculty enthusiasm and faculty effectiveness
      - this paper would be a good starting point for faculty who want to become familiar with the literature.
6. Discussion: Tools used to assess student perceptions of teaching/instruction

-who owns the data?

- it is owned by the University, but remains on the server for the organization
- Scantron web page: discussion of information:
- Do we want this information to be available to the public? To students?
- Could we share how well our faculty are rated by the students? as a marketing tool for GVSU? Would admissions like this?
- We could have a set of questions that are on all evaluations across campus.
- Can we give extra/bonus points for completing the evaluation
- email students regularly to remind them
- provide access to the results ONLY to students who complete the evaluations
- raffles or some reward for students who complete evaluations
- low response rates tend to be biased toward more negative comments
- perhaps not every faculty needs to be evaluated every term
  - or have untenured faculty evaluated every term, and tenured faculty evaluated once a year.
  - but there should be a campus-wide consistent policy on who gets evaluated how often
  - reliability is dependent upon response rate
  - if less than 10 students, more classes of students need to be done in order to get a more valid indicator
  - our handbook says normally, faculty are evaluated every course every semester.

7. FTLC Director Updates

none

8. Sub-Committee Updates

- a. Grants:
  - i. The committee met; decisions were made; letters were sent out
- b. Teaching Awards:
  - i. Meeting on November 12, 12-3:00, in 327 LOH

Our next meeting is scheduled for November 12. At the November 26 meeting: Kim Kenward will lead discussion on alternative technologies we may want to use for our meetings beginning Fall 2013.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00

Respectfully submitted,

David Bair

**MEETING DATES**

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<b>Fall 2012:</b>	September 10	September 24	October 8	October 22
	November 12	November 26	December 10	

<b>Winter 2013:</b>	January 14	January 28	February 11	February 25
	March 11	March 25	April 8	