

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

Fall 2012:	September 10 November 12	September 24 November 26	October 8 December 10	October 22
Winter 2013:	January 14 March 11	January 28 March 25	February 11 April 8	February 25