

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE (TC)

Faculty Senate Technology Committee

Minutes of meeting 11/18/2020

The committee convened at 12:15 via Microsoft Teams.

- As a follow-up to our previous work on the Student Opinion Survey (SOS), we looked at the “additional questions” that had been added to the SOS for online courses.
- The additional questions fell into 3 categories
 - Questions that were inappropriate because they did not relate to the instructor. (But rather to IT and/or Student Support)
 - Questions that were redundant. (That is questions that, although rephrased in terms of online delivery, were already present in the existing approved question list.)
 - Questions that were in some sense valid suggestions for collecting reasonable information about quality of instruction.
- The Committee discussed several aspects of the philosophy of the SOS.
 - Questions should not be specific to course modality
 - Technology can be a component of courses, irrespective of whether they are online or on-ground.
- We propose a resolution adding 4 Likert scale, and 1 open comment questions to the SOS.
- Additional revisions to the SOS are desirable (e.g. the antiquated gender identity question). However, as time is of the essence, we propose taking up those issues in the Spring.

Respectfully,
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