

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE (TC)

Faculty Senate Technology Committee

Minutes of meeting 4/07/2021

The meeting convened at 12:15 via Microsoft Teams. Registrar Alicia Carroll was our guest. The committee was directed by the Executive Committee to investigate issues surrounding permanently switching to online course evaluations (in other words, eliminating paper surveys). An ongoing concern for online surveying (especially in this critically important area) is that response rates are typically quite low. We investigated – with input from the Registrar – the possibility of giving earlier access to grade results to students who have completed their surveys. We reached a consensus that this was not an approach that would work well at Southern. The Registrar suggested that it might be possible to use a landing page in BBL or Banner that would remind students if they have outstanding evaluations to complete. Ms. Carroll also suggested that an approach which is used at CCSU of entering students into a lottery for several \$200 “books scholarships” might improve results. We will continue these discussions at our next meeting and hope to have a concrete proposal by year’s end.

Respectfully,

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