

UNIVERSITY SENATE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE PROVOST

Rec. #

Recommendation

2012-02-04 The University Senate recommends the Academic Quality Committee recommendations as amended at the February meeting to the Provost for endorsement.

The Academic Quality Committee recommends that we move our student course evaluations online using the provider EvaluationKIT beginning in the fall of 2012. The instruments for these evaluations during the 2012-2014 academic years will be the current SITEs. During 2012-2013 IT will also pilot test several other public domain instruments (to be named later by the Academic Quality Committee in consultation with the Faculty Welfare Committee) that have been tested for reliability and validity, including the SEEQ (Students' Evaluation of Educational Quality). Subsequent to the one year pilot testing period and an additional semester to process the results, the Faculty Senate will as early as possible during the 2013-2014 academic year recommend one instrument to be retained for future course evaluations starting in the fall semester of 2014.

Any decisions made with regard to implementation of this recommendation will be submitted to the University Senate prior to such implementation.

Kelly L. Madole, Ph.D.
University Senate Chair

2/21/2012_____
Date

Approved/Not Approved See attached

02/23/2102

A. Gordon Emslie, Ph.D.
Provost

Date

I am returning this recommendation as “Not Approved.” Although I support the spirit of this recommendation, I believe that it needs refinement. For example, if I approve the action to “move our student courses online beginning in the fall of 2012” and if issues arise with implementation, do we move the SITE evaluations online or not?

I also submit that the term “2012-2014 academic years” is ambiguous; I believe that “2012-2013 and 2013-2014 academic years” is clearer. Further, the sentence beginning “During 2012-2013 IT will also pilot....” is unnecessarily specific, possibly erroneous (I believe IR, not IT, would do the pilot testing) and, as written, is not within my power to authorize.

I request that this recommendation be reframed to reflect a clearer timeline and only actions that are within the purview of Academic Affairs, and be resubmitted in due course. If the recommendation involves other divisions, then it should be sent to the President.