

Student Rating of Faculty Instruction Committee 2016 -2017 Committee Report Submitted by Chantelle Swaren March 30, 2017

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2 Student Members: Quinton Oglesby and Lauren Steyer
Ex-officio: Eva Lewis, Director of Institutional Research (Cindy Williamson of OPEIR also participated in this committee and was an invaluable resource).
Ex-officio: Dawn Ford, Director of Walker Center for Teaching and Learning

Meeting Dates: November 30, 2016; January 26, 2017; February 21, 2017; March 22, 2017; May 3, 2017 (scheduled)

Summary of Accomplishments: The SRFI committee members reviewed results from a Spring 2016 SRFI survey which had solicited feedback from faculty and administrators about the existing course survey questions. Key findings from the survey suggested that stakeholders desired increased participation from students and a stronger focus on student learning. The SRFI committee brainstormed, conducted research of other institutions, and discussed the merits of several different options for UTC. A general strategy was agreed upon to create pilot course survey questions that would meet the needs of all UTC stakeholders. Pilot questions were developed and refined by committee members and will be presented to the Faculty Senate for review at the April 20, 2017 meeting. Based on Faculty Senate feedback, the SRFI committee will meet as a group on May 3, 2017 to discuss requested changes and/or finalize the draft pilot questions for use by the 2017-2018 committee. In addition to the draft pilot created, the SRFI committee also created a Best Practices document and FAQ email (both distributed on March 28 and 30, 2017). The Best Practices and FAQs are intended to support faculty as they encourage their students to complete course surveys, Reminder emails have also been drafted and will be distributed during the course survey collection period.

Suggested Next Steps for the SRFI Committee: Once a final list of pilot questions is approved by Faculty Senate, this committee should solicit professors to participate in offering the pilot course surveys. Other potential next steps may include analyzing the results from the pilot questions to determine effectiveness (including soliciting input from all stakeholders - students, faculty, Faculty Senate, campus administration, OPEIR, and others), revising the pilot questions, and replacing the existing course survey questions with the newly-approved questions.