Annual Report 2017-2018

Senate Committee on Teaching

Committee members: S. Agarwal, G. Mettetal (Ex-officio), G.Kern, V.Kwong, A. Savvopoulou, W. Tourtiolotte, R. Wolfram.

Convener: G. Kern

Chair: A. Savvopoulou

The committee on teaching met three times in person during the academic year of 2017-2018. A lot of the committee’s work was completed through e-mail.

1) The committee reviewed the committee’s description and the Constitution general description of committee membership. The committee suggested that three changes be made to the terms of committee membership but no changes to the charge of the committee.

2) The committee met with Hossein Hakimzadeh and had a discussion about the possibility and feasibility of removing comparison information from the end-of-semester student course evaluations. After Hossein explained that this would indeed be feasible, all members agreed that the committee propose that the bar graphs and tables that are part of the comparison info be removed from the end-of-semester student course evaluations. The proposal was sent to the campus’ executive committee. Upon review a friendly amendment was made; the proposal only asked for the removal of bar graphs. Comparison tables would still appear in the end-of-semester student course evaluations. The amended proposal was an agenda item in the November Senate meeting. G. Mettetal gave the presentation at the senate meeting. The committee’s proposal was approved.

3) The committee chair had the Trustees’ Teaching Award website updated.

4) The committee chair gave a presentation about the TTA criteria for selection based on the evaluation rubric and eligibility at UCET on Wednesday, February 14th, 2018.

5) All committee members reviewed all applications for a Trustees’ Teaching Award using the established rubric. The committee met to discuss all applicants and made recommendations to the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. After reviewing all applications committee members offered a few suggestions to make the application instructions and consequently the review process more uniform and clear. The suggestions have been included in the minutes.

Prepared by A. Savvopoulou, 5/16/2018.