Annual Report of the Senate Student Feedback Forms Committee
Academic Year 2014-15

The SFF Committee membership has remained essentially constant for the past several years (see current membership in Appendix). During 2014-15 there were two changes in representation from the Office of the Vice Provost of Faculty Development and Faculty Affairs (Kevin Delaney for Diane Maleson), and the Teaching & Learning Center (Pete Watkins for Pamela Barnett).

The stability of the committee has been important during the past several years as the committee made a series of changes to the content, structure, mode of administration and method of reporting of SFFs. These past changes included:

- Revision of the number, content and order of questions.
- Revision in format of reporting out of results – removed percentiles and replaced with ordinal categories (Upper, Middle and Lower).
- Comparative study of effect of mode of administration (paper/electronic) on student reports and faculty results.
- Transition in mode of administration from paper to electronic
- Development of student SFF database providing eligible students (those who complete all e-SFFs the prior semester and newly matriculated students in their first semester at Temple) access to results for four SFF questions over a rolling four year period.

The committee agenda for 2014-15 was lighter than in prior years (the committee met twice during the year) and comprised discussions about eSFF policy and procedure in the professional schools, the lowering of the enrollment threshold for courses to be eligible for SFFs, methods of enhancing student response rates and the development of recommendation s for complementary forms of the assessment of teaching, focusing on various forms of peer assessment (a topic on which Pete Watkins of the TLC took the lead). The committee reviewed best practices from other institutions and within Temple. The discussion will resume in AY 2015-16 and recommendations to the Provost will be developed.

Appendix:

Current SFF committee membership during the 2014-2015 academic year

1. Peter Jones (Undergraduate Studies, Chair)
2. Ina Calligaro (Pharmacy)
3. Mary Conran (Fox School of Business and Management)
4. Jim Degnan (Institutional Research)
5. Kevin Delaney (SVP Faculty Affairs) – replaced Diane Maleson
6. Joe DuCette (College of Education)
7. Steve Fleming (College of Science and Technology)
8. Sally Frazee (Institutional Research)
9. Patricia Hansell (College of Liberal Arts)
10. Zebulon Kendrick (Graduate School)
11. Muriel Morisey (Law School)
12. Bernie Newman (College of Health Professions & Social Work)
13. Michele O’Connor (Undergraduate Studies)
14. Dan Spaeth (College of Science and Technology)
15. Pete Watkins (Teaching & Learning Center) - replaced Pamela Barnett
16. Dolores Zygmont (College of Health Professions & Social Work)