Resolution on Posting Faculty Evaluation, SCC-Bremer, 10-13-10, #299

Whereas

- 1. Per Texas Administrative Code Chapter 4, Subchapter N, section \$.228: "Develop a plan to make evaluations publicly available on the institution's website"
- (e) Institutions shall conduct end-of-course student evaluations of faculty for each undergraduate classroom course as defined in §4.227(10) of this title, and develop a plan to make evaluations publicly available on the institution's website.
- 2. All course and faculty evaluations are currently available to anyone through an open records request. Open record requests for course and faculty evaluations consume large amounts of personal time.
- 3. Private companies are selling access to course and faculty evaluations which they obtained through open records requests.
- 4. Course and faculty evaluations are currently available to all TTU students, faculty and staff via eRaider links.
- 5. Convenient access to course evaluations will make the transition to an electronic tenure and promotion process easier.
- 6. Department chairs and Colleges will have a simple central location to obtain course and instructor evaluations.

Be it resolved that

- 1.Questions 1-16 means for of all student evaluations of course and instructor be posted online and be accessible to the public through a link of IR web-site to the TTU homepage.
- 2. Means for Questions 1-16 for all organized undergraduate and graduate courses would be posted.
- 3. The currently approved form for "Student Evaluation of Course and Instructor" in OP 32.32 will be used for face-to-face courses and the corresponding form will be used for online courses.
- 4. The data cited above for Items 1-3 would be available for all courses offered Fall 2010 and later.
- 5. The link of Course and Instructor Evaluation data from the Public Access to Course Information site to the IR data will mirror the access method currently implemented within the eRaider system.

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CHAPTER 4 RULES APPLYING TO ALL PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF

HIGHER EDUCATION IN TEXAS

SUBCHAPTER N PUBLIC ACCESS TO COURSE INFORMATION

RULE §4.228 Internet Access to Course Information

- (a) Each public institution of higher education, other than a medical and dental unit, shall make available to the public on the institution's Internet website the following information for each undergraduate classroom course offered for credit by the institution: a syllabus, a curriculum vitae for the instructor(s) of record, and (if available) a departmental operating budget from the most recent semester or other academic term during which the institution offered the course. Links to existing data that meet legislative requirements may suffice.
- (b) If multiple sections of a course use an identical syllabus with identical assignments and readings, only one syllabus shall be posted. The curriculum vitae of each instructor(s) of record for each section shall be posted.
- (c) All course information described in subsection (a) of this section must be:
- (1) accessible from the institution's Internet website home page by use of not more than three links;
- (2) searchable by keywords and phrases;
- (3) accessible to the public without requiring registration or use of a user name, a password, or another user identification;
- (4) available not later than the seventh day after the first day of classes for the semester or other academic term during which the course is offered; and
- (5) updated as soon as practicable after the information changes, at least once for every semester in which the course is offered.
- (d) The institution shall continue to make the information available on the institution's Internet website until at least the second anniversary of the date on which the institution initially posted the information. An up-to-date curriculum vitae must be available for each instructor of each course for two years after the course is taught.
- (e) Institutions shall conduct end-of-course student evaluations of faculty for each undergraduate classroom course as defined in §4.227(10) of this title, and develop a plan to make evaluations publicly available on the institution's website.
- (f) The governing body of the institution shall designate an administrator to be responsible for ensuring implementation of this section. Not later than January 1 of each odd-numbered year, each institution of higher education shall submit a written report regarding the institution's compliance with this section to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the presiding officer of each legislative standing committee with primary jurisdiction over higher education.
- (g) Institutions must begin compliance with these rules no later than August 15, 2010.