

MINUTES
COMMITTEE ON TEACHING
April 29, 2008
Tuesday, 10-11:30 a.m., Kerr Hall Room 129

Present: Doris Ash, Tammi Blake (ASO Staff), Henry Burnett (Media Services Director), Elisabeth Cameron (Chair), Carley Friedman (GSA Representative), Ruth Harris-Barnett (CTE Director), Kevin Karplus, Jie Qing.

Absent with Notice: Rachel Dewey (NSTF Rep), Cynthia Polecritti

1. CTE Director's announcements.

CTE Director Harris-Barnett announced that she will be leaving her post at the end of the fiscal year.

2. Chair's Announcements.

Bill Ladusaw is expected to come speak to COT regarding the future of CTE and how COT works with the center.

3. Minutes

The minutes from April 1 were accepted with a minor correction.

4. Learning Management System/Online course evaluations update

The campus is selecting a new learning management system and is looking at Sakai which is being tested and developed at Berkeley and Davis with an online evaluation system being worked on by Cambridge University. The new Learning Management System (LMS) may be implemented by October 2009 as UCSC's current system's license will have expired by then. This project is reportedly the highest priority of ITC at this time.

CTE Director Harris-Barnett notes that progress has been made this academic year in regard to online course evaluations in relation to the new system. ITC will work on the pilot project designing statistical reports and good access to the program. In addition to student comments, statistical reports will be developed. The program will have restricted access and department chairs will be able to see all reports for their department. Individual instructors will see their own class data and the Deans will see all data. Reports for instructors for all courses will be developed later for evaluation purposes.

The system will be tested this spring with dummy courses and real faculty. A pilot with summer session or fall courses will be run this summer. It is possible that in the future the online evals would use the new learning management system that replaces WebCT. It is uncertain what effect possible budget cuts will have on the program.

5. COT Password Protected Senate Website

The committee will implement use of its password protected website to post agendas, minutes and materials for consideration. The web address for the site will be available on the COT agenda for quick access.

6. Mini-Grants

One mini grant was approved.

Another mini grant was approved with conditions.

The deadline for mini-grants is May 5th.

Budget update: \$9500 left for grants. Allocation for the year is \$90,000 and \$86,000 has been used. The allocation will be spent if two more mini-grants are approved.

So attests,

Elisabeth Cameron, Chair
Committee on Teaching