

Sent on behalf of the Provost, the President of the Faculty Senate, and the President of the UFF-FGCU Chapter:

Last month we shared with you (http://www.fgcu.edu/planning/spoi/pdfs/August19_SPol.pdf) plans for transforming SAI to SPol during the coming year. At that time we identified two faculty/administration working groups that would lead this effort: One group under the leadership of Dr. Linda Serro, Professor and Director of the Teaching, Learning, and Assessment Initiative will focus on the tasks of developing new instruments geared toward gathering student perceptions to be used for formative purposes. The other working group being led by Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs, Dr. Tony Barringer, will work with the Senate's Faculty Affairs Team (FAT), college faculties and their administrations to effect appropriate changes in college documents and the Faculty Senate FPED that reflect the shift in emphasis of student perception data from evaluative to formative. Since our last communique:

1. Dr. Shawn Felton, President of the Faculty Senate, provided a progress report at the September 6 meeting of the Faculty Senate. He noted that Faculty Senate representatives had been appointed to Dr. Serro's group (<http://www.fgcu.edu/planning/spoi/index.html>). All these individuals have significant experience with student perception instruments and their uses. The committee's first meeting is scheduled to occur October 2.
2. Associate Provost Barringer is in the process of meeting with the Chairs' Council, the Deans' Council, college PRC's, and will work with representatives from these groups and the Faculty Affairs Team of the Faculty Senate to determine modifications to college documents and the FPED.

In the meantime, the Office of Planning and Institutional Performance is working to prepare the process for the inclusion of your own questions (up to 10) for fall administration of the current student perception instrument that will occur in late November. You will be informed of how your questions are to be included well in advance of the online administration.

Additional information can be found through these links:

<http://www.fgcu.edu/planning/spoi/index.html>

Meeting information including agendas and additional information:

<http://www.fgcu.edu/planning/spoi/facultyinformation.html>

Should you have questions concerning the working groups, please contact the working group leaders directly. Questions about the ongoing administration of student perception should be directed to Lenore Benefield.

Thank You,

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