

The Academic Quality Committee met on September 1, 2015, and submits the following informational report to the SEC.

The committee discussed whether or not it should (re)consider the topic of instructor and course evaluations (SITEs). From this discussion, three potential issues for study emerged: (1) content of the evaluation questions, (2) modifying the report format and provide guidelines to assist faculty and administrators with the interpretation of SITE response statistics, and (3) disseminating information about how faculty, Departments, or Colleges can add their own questions to the SITE evaluations.

The committee recognizes that this topic has been studied at length in the past. Issue (1) is particularly complicated, and has been addressed in the previous Senate and SGA sessions. Issues (2) and/or (3) might possibly represent a new aspects of the SITE issue for the AQ committee to pursue in cooperation with Academic Affairs and Institutional Research.

Although the 2015 Faculty Welfare Study suggests that there is significant dissatisfaction with the effectiveness of information contained within SITE evaluations, the AQ committee is unlikely to consider this SITE evaluations further without a specific charge from SEC.