Teaching Advising and Assessment Committee Update for Faculty Senate

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Committee Charge includes:

• Promoting good teaching, advising, and assessment at the University by conducting and reporting to the Faculty Senate on activities, policies to support good teaching and assessment

• Reviewing and making recommendations to the Faculty Senate on university-wide advising
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1. Develop policies and resources to help departments and colleges develop high quality courses and curriculum
2. Examine the state of advising across all colleges, making recommendations for its improvement
3. Assist in the establishment of a permanent assessment process for the General Education Program
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• As we moved forward with our agenda last year we discussed, reviewed reports, discussed data, and invited other university offices and committees to our meetings:

Examples of key Offices and Committees:
• Office for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning
• Teaching:
  • Faculty Development, Eric Kaldor, Assistant Director
• Assessment
  • Office of Student Learning, Outcomes Assessment, and Accreditation (SLOAA), Elaine Finan, Assistant Director
  • Learning Outcomes Oversight Committee (LOOC), Kris Bovy
Our goal being to increase our understanding of the issues, under our committees' purview, and how we might have synergy moving forward with our work and recommendations.
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Examples of areas within the scope of the committee:

• Examine the role of evidence based curriculum and course development (review current practices, outcomes, and use of data to improve curriculum and courses)
• Assess campus climate relative to the balance teaching and scholarship
  – Identification of current level of support and successful models.
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Examples of emerging areas for committee review:

• Goals and future directions for online education – including load and benefits.
• Review of URI 101 committees upcoming report
• Consult with Academic Enhancement Center
• Role of various offices and committees and the TAA committee:
  • Teaching:
    – Office for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning
    – Faculty Development
  • Assessment:
    – Office of Student Learning, Outcomes Assessment, and Accreditation (SLOAA)
    – Learning Outcomes Oversight Committee (LOOC)