Course Survey Redesign

- Faculty Council Initiative out of the Committee on Teaching and Learning (CoTL)
Task force for the redesign of the course survey

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Timeline:

**Spring 2015:** CoTL Course Survey Task Force formed

**May 2015:** First discussions at FC

**Summer 2015:** Provost supports the project with ~$40K

**Fall 2015:** Campus-wide discussions

**November 2015:** Update to FC

**Spring 2016:** *Faculty feedback synthesized, recommendations proposed*

**Fall 2016:** Survey development

**Spring 2017:** Pilot testing
Recommendations: Use

- Purpose: course, classroom, and instructor improvement
  - Distinct from other surveys desired by the university
- For improvement of teaching
- For improvement of course
- Not for administrative purposes
  - Not for annual evaluation, P&T, etc.
Recommendation: Administration

- **Online, easily accessible**
- Clear, standard script for administration
- Reminder emails
- Administer 2-3 times per semester and once after graduation
- Confidential but not anonymous
- Accessible: 2-week window
- Results format: additional analysis, easy reporting
- Incentives (e.g., coupons, raffle)
Recommendation: Content

- Standard questions (10 – 15)
- Customizable section:
  - Pool of vetted items
  - Groups of items shown to assess specific relevant
- Open-ended comments
- Behaviorally-based rather than inference of knowledge or skill
- Focus: multidimensional nature of teaching
The proposal has the unanimous support from:
1. CoTL
2. ASCSU (Jason Sydoriak, president)

Next Steps:
1. **Seek support from FC to move forward**
2. Continue discussions with the task force to evaluate effective teaching
3. Continue to listen to stakeholder input.
4. Start a colloquium series: Phil Stark (Berkeley) has agreed to come talk to us in the Fall
5. Culture shift: support a discussion on best practices on how to evaluate teaching on campus.
Will you endorse CoTL asking the Provost for funds to revise the course survey based on the recommendations presented today?