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Student Ratings Subcommittee

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 24, 2021

TO: Thomas Holyoke, Chair, Academic Senate
Xuanning Fu, Interim Provost

FROM: Kathleen D. Dyer, Chair 
Student Ratings Subcommittee
Academic Senate

RE: FSSRI Items for Student Teaching

The Student Ratings Subcommittee writes to ask you to consider adding some items to our approved pool of items that are part of the Fresno State Student Ratings of Instruction Questionnaire (FSSRI), as required by APM 322. It is the opinion of the Student Ratings Subcommittee that these are minor changes that retain face validity, and could be adopted without any threat to the reliability and validity of the instrument as a whole.

When we created the FSSRI, we used existing items from other universities, sometimes duplicating them with slight revisions for use in different types of classes, including lab classes. For instance, we simply replaced “in this class” with “in this lab”. We believed that these small revisions would not change how the items behave in our instrument, and our analysis of the reliability and validity of the FSSRI suggests that we were right. The lab items behaved in the same way as the original items.

The changes proposed here are the very same nature as those revisions. The proposed items are on the attached list, indicated with the prefix STD TCHG and a blue font. They are revisions of existing items to make them applicable for Student Teaching classes. For clarity regarding what and who is being rated, the word “instructor” has been changed to “University Coach/Supervisor,” the word “student” has been changed to “me/my”, and the word “class” has been changed to “site placement.” With student teaching, there are other instructors, students, and classes involved so the wording simply needs to be more explicit.

Therefore, we ask on behalf of the faculty in the Kremen school if we can these items to the FSSRI pool of items. This will allow them to use our instrument rather than continuing to use an instrument without established reliability and validity.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

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