

**Student Course Evaluation Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**February 21, 2019**

The Student Course Evaluation Committee met at 1:40 pm on Thursday, February 21, 2019, in Torreyson Library Room 206. Dr. Jonathan Glenn; chair, and the following members were present: Betty Hubbard, Jeff Hill, Na Mi Bang, Donna Bowman, Ramon Escamilla, and Stephen Feldman were present. Calin Marian, Marco Ramirez, Riley Tribble, and Abdoulaye Bassam-Troare were not present.

1. The minutes of the January 17, 2019, meeting were adopted as distributed.
2. R. Escamilla presented (in summary) three studies that he contributed to the SCEC Research team drive. These summaries of research led to a broader discussion of the nature of the recommendation the committee will make when it completes its due diligence and what can be done to prepare for that recommendation. The committee desires to understand UCA student course evaluations in several contexts, including the following:
  - a. The desire to help UCA students engage in active learning, understood as a partnership between instructor and student, including how this relates to the student's evaluation of the course or the instructor's teaching.
  - b. This question: "What do we [understanding that we may refer to several different audiences] want to know?" That is, what do we want to accomplish with this survey?
  - c. The inherent problems and limitations of a "satisfaction survey," particularly given (1) the construction of the typical student course evaluation instrument (a brief form of survey) and (2) the types of questions usually included.
  - d. The need to be sure UCA's question set really fits UCA, that it is developed with a clear understanding of items b and c above.
  - e. A shared recognition that evaluation of teaching must use multiple measures—that student course evaluations must not be the primary method whereby judgments are made about the quality of an instructor's teaching.

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 PM. The next meeting will be on March 14—please note this change, made because of Spring Break the following week—in our usual time and place (1:40 PM, Torreyson Library Room 206).