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MEMORANDUM

TO: Karen Roche, Secretary of Senate
FROM: Batia Stolar, Chair
Senate Teaching and Learning Committee
RE: Report of the Senate Teaching and Learning Committee (STLC)
DATE: February 12, 2010

The Subcommittee on Course Evaluations has been working on a pilot project to test the newly adopted instrument, *Student Evaluation of Teaching at Lakehead University*, as promised at our Senate meeting of April 17, 2009.

The purpose of the pilot is to research the behaviour of each question, and to identify any anomalies there may be with any of the questions.

The process for this pilot project is as follows:

- A call for volunteer tenured instructors will go out following the Senate meeting of February 26, 2010.
- The pilot project will undergo the ethics clearance.
- The data will be collected during the regular course evaluation period between March 14-25.
- Upon receipt of data, a statistical analysis of FA, Chronbach alpha, and descriptive statistics will be performed.
- The results of the pilot research project will be communicated to Senate.

The Subcommittee on Course Evaluations is also working on a pilot project to test the online versus paper instrument, and will go ahead with a pilot project in the Fall 2010 term. The Senate Teaching and Learning Committee will provide a detailed description of the pilot process at the first meeting of Senate in Fall 2010, and subsequently send a call for volunteer tenured instructors to participate during the regular data collection period in the Fall term.