

December 13, 2022

Subject: Teaching Council Recommendations re the “Spoken English” Item

The Teaching Council unanimously recommends that the English language proficiency item be moved to the very last of all course evaluation items.

The Teaching Council recommends that the English language proficiency item should be utilized primarily to (a) assist teaching faculty to improve their English proficiently and (b) for reporting on AR state Law, 6-63-104 (<https://law.justia.com/codes/arkansas/2010/title-6/subtitle-5/chapter-63/subchapter-1/6-63-104>) and Academic Policy 1405.14 (<https://provost.uark.edu/policies/140514.php>).

The Teaching Council recommends that information related to the English language proficiency item on student evaluations be used by Unit Peer Review committees (defined in APS 1405.11, see <https://provost.uark.edu/policies/140511.php>) and Department Chairs/Heads *only as one associated element*, in conjunction with a comprehensive data set, for the **holistic** assessment of teaching-related performance during a faculty member’s annual review. Further, the Teaching Council recommends that information related to the English language proficiency item not be used during promotion and/or tenure reviews.

Sincerely,



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