

## Committee on Effective Teaching – Report for AY 2008-09

This committee met once during the academic year. It needs to meet more often to play an effective role on campus and I regret that I was not able to provide more leadership during this past year. For this committee to reach its potential, it should develop a regular monthly meeting schedule early in the year. Administrative support for scheduling meetings, etc. would be very valuable.

Part of our meeting focused on teaching awards. In our discussion, it was observed that there is a lot of disparity across schools in terms of the number of teaching awards made by each school. Also, there are very few university-level teaching awards. The committee was in favor of proposing that additional teaching awards be established at the university level and recommended that awards be considered for innovations in teaching and for teaching excellence by junior faculty (less than five years from completing their PhD or less than five years at UTD). Nominations for such awards might come from students, administrators or faculty.

Rhonda Blackburn made presentations about WebCT (now elearning), the Classroom Experience Project and Instructional Technology. We had planned to discuss Teaching Academy Certification but time constraints prevented us from doing this.