## Provost's Advisory Council Summary of April 29, 2010 meeting

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- It was observed that post-tenure review of teaching by tenured faculty is less emphasized by many departments and that there are fewer structures supporting continuing review of teaching.
- It was noted that an important step in assessing teaching effectiveness is clarity about what a department means by "good teaching"; this may vary from discipline to discipline, but the criteria need to be articulated.
- Some cautioned against an overreliance on quantitative data in evaluating teaching. The importance of qualitative information (e.g., comments from students on the course evaluations) was noted.
- It was pointed out that students' expectations are critical elements determining how successful a course or an instructor may be.

## 3. Provost's Report

Members of the Council--particularly Pat Byrne as chair of Council--were (re) 0.2 ue (c) 0.24 01 Tcr