

## Quality of Teaching Suffers Due to NTTs, says Senate Report

On April 17 the Senate received from the Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC) a long-awaited report on nontenure-track faculty at ISU. This report was based in part on a departmental survey of chairs conducted in Fall 2000. FAC members include Harry Deutsch (PHI), Saad Elzanati (MATH), Steve Landau (PSY), S. J. Chang (FIL), Mary Kay Rotsch (MQM). According to the survey of department chairs...

- **NTTs Hurt Teaching:** Instructional quality was adversely affected by hiring NTTs in Communications; Mathematics; Psychology; Applied Computer Sciences (ACS); Music; Finance, Insurance & Law (FIL); and Management & Quantitative Methods (MQM).
- **NTTs Aren't Qualified for TT Positions:** Because the quality of the T/TTF applicant pool is insufficient, some departments are forced to hire NTTF. These departments include Economics, Accounting, FIL, MQM, Criminal Justice Sciences, Industrial Technology, Curriculum & Instruction (C&I), Nursing, and Milner Library.
- **NTTs Aren't Scholars:** "Expectations on NTTF scholarly activity ... are very high in the College of Fine Arts but low in the College of Business, College of Education, and College of Applied Sciences & Technology." (No information is provided on the College of Arts & Sciences, Nursing, and Milner Library.)
- **NTTs Lower T/TTF Morale:** "The chairs of ACS, Math, MQM, Music, Philosophy, and Politics & Government reported that the morale of T/TTF is compromised by the overuse of NTTF."
- **NTTs Aren't Advisors?** "NTTF are given little or no advisement responsibilities," except in Foreign Languages and Music.
- **NTTs Are Outsiders:** "(Although) many departments do assign NTTF new preparations as well as committee work," ... "[m]ore than half of the responding chairs disagreed with the statement '... NTTFs are considered members of the department community due to their committee assignment, etc.'"

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