STUDENTS' EXPECTATIONS WITHIN THE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS CLASSROOM

Angela Patrick
Assistant Lecturer of Management
Texas A&M University – Central Texas
1001 Leadership Place
Killeen, TX 76549
254-501-5927
abpatrick@tamuct.edu

Rick Simmons
Associate Lecturer of Management
Texas A&M University – Central Texas
1001 Leadership Place
Killeen, TX 76549
254-501-5842
simmrick@tamuct.edu

Russell (Rusty) Calk
Associate Professor of Accounting
Texas A&M University – Central Texas
1001 Leadership Place
Killeen, TX 76549
254-519-5779
rcalk@tamuct.edu

ABSTRACT

Students entering a college classroom come with varying expectations regarding the faculty member and course. If student expectations are unmet it can create a misalignment causing misunderstandings and problems. This study attempts to understand student expectations to facilitate teaching faculty to help identify some of the challenges that can exist. 152 undergraduate and graduate students from the college of business were asked a series of modified questions from Schmitt et al. (2013) survey on technology, non-technology, and instructor expectations in the classroom. The findings indicate that primary expectations included in-class discussions and text-book use, faculty interactions with students while in class, and faculty response to questions within 24 hours.