

Instructor Ratings Committee Report

Faculty Senate 10/22/09

Updates:

- 1) The students wish to create some aggregate results by hand to see how aggregation affects their interpretation. Faculty Senate may be approached later concerning aggregation of scores for public reporting.
- 2) The “preamble” for the survey instrument and the text of the email message to students have been reviewed. Some rewording has been done to try creating a clearer distinction from course evaluations.

“Old preamble (excerpt)”:

This brief survey is designed to assist students in course selection for each semester. It is separate from course evaluations done at end of the semester and is intended strictly for student information. It should take no more than 5 minutes of your time.

“New preamble (excerpt)”:

The Instructor Ratings Survey is separate from course evaluations done at end of the semester and is intended strictly for student information. It is designed to provide information that will assist students in course selection for future semesters. It should take no more than 5 minutes of your time.

- 3) Student Senate is interested in a PR campaign to help inform students about the instructor rating process.
- 4) The wording for Question 7 will be changed for the next administration of the instrument.

Discussion:

- 1) Would Faculty Senate be willing to allow the surveys to run past the end of the semester so that students could come back to the instrument at a later time? This approach could improve student participation and remove some of the urgent competition for a student’s attention for multiple surveys.