
To: Senate

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Subject: Online Course Evaluations

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Background:

In the last Senate meeting of the 2005-2006 academic year, Senate has adopted a new policy moving all course evaluations online. As a result, professors no longer have to devote class time to the completion of questionnaires in class. They are, however, supposed to ask their students to complete the evaluation, as those are important in their personal evaluation.

Since then, very diverse practices have been observed as far as advertising the evaluations go in different faculties.

Moreover, despite promises of making the results available to students online, they are not yet available.

Given the new method of feedback collection, it is important to evaluate the results of the new measure, and hence the following questions arise:

Question:

- 1- What percentage of students participated in the online course evaluations?
Did the participation rate increase/decrease from previous years?
 - 2- When will the dissemination of main results be available on-line for all students to consult?
 - 3- What recommendations have been given to professors to increase student participation?
 - 4- What measures will be taken to inform students of the importance of their participation in the evaluation process?
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