

Student Evaluations

Concern: Since the university has gone to online student evaluations in 2009, participation has dropped and many faculty do not have statistically significant data to use in tenure and promotion applications or just for one's own use.

Senate Action: The Executive Committee made the following charge on September 14, 2010 to Academic Affairs: Prepare a statement addressing ways that faculty may encourage students to participate in online evaluations; recommend ways that faculty and administrators can make online evaluations a more productive process; and suggest other means by which faculty may be evaluated for inclusion in tenure and promotion applications. Be prepared to present a statement by January 2011.

Result: Academic Affairs expanded their charge to also examine the feasibility of modifying the method of student evaluations. Their final report can be found under the Agenda column for April 12, 2011 on the Agendas and Minutes page.