



MEMORANDUM

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DATE: November 21, 2011

TO: Faculty
Department of Civil and Geomatics Engineering
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FROM: William A. Covino 
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

SUBJECT: Approval of your Department Policy on Peer Evaluations
and Student Course Evaluations (RE: APM 322)

I have received and reviewed your departmental documents, and they are approved for implementation during the remainder of AY11-12.

I fully understand that the statistical standard chosen for student ratings is provisional, and may require further adjustment once we have obtained a sufficient amount of comparison data. However, the mean you have selected seems a reasonable initial benchmark.

I also want to reiterate my commitment to our Academic Senate's stated beliefs that student feedback is best viewed from a multi-year perspective, and considered within the larger context of all evidence presented in support of a colleague's teaching effectiveness.

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DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AND GEOMATICS ENGINEERING POLICY ON ASSESSMENT OF TEACHING EFFECTIVENESS

APM 322 is the official policy on the Assessment of Teaching Effectiveness. This Departmental policy is designed to further define requirements at the Departmental level as specified in APM 322.

STUDENT RATINGS OF INSTRUCTION

Each faculty member shall have a minimum of **two sections** rated by students annually. Probationary faculty shall have **all sections** rated annually .

The current form used in the Lyles College of Engineering will be the standard form for assessment of teaching effectiveness, until the IDEA Short Form becomes standard paper instrument for faculty evaluation of teaching if and when adopted by the University and the College.

Student ratings of instruction shall be assessed to identify patterns and trends of teaching performance and effectiveness. It is expected that probationary faculty member shall meet or exceed the department standard stipulated in their corresponding RTP plan. Tenured faculty are expected to score **an overall average of 4.0 out of 5.0**, on a regular basis (the expected score will be revised when the IDEA Short Form becomes standard); however, it is more important to evaluate on the basis of multi-year trends rather than focusing on a single course or narrow time frame.

PEER EVALUATIONS

1. Frequency

- a. For part-time temporary faculty, the first time a course is taught by the instructor and, thereafter, at least **one section every other year of employment** regardless of a break in service.
- b. For full-time temporary faculty, **two sections each semester for the first year and two sections each academic year thereafter.**
- c. For probationary faculty, **two sections (to include as many different courses as possible) every semester.**
- d. For tenured faculty, **one section each academic year** on a rotating basis such that during a five year period the maximum number of different courses is evaluated.

2. Faculty will use the attached Departmentally approved form to evaluate Course Content, Instructional Design, Instructional Delivery and Assessment methods. (Such form can be filled online at: <http://www.csufresno.edu/aps/documents/322c.pdf>).

OVERALL

The Department will follow the guidelines in APM 325, APM 327 and APM 328 when electing committees selected to prepare the overall evaluation of teaching.

APPROVAL PROCESS

Departmental policies will be submitted to the appropriate School/College Dean and to the Provost for review and approval.

Last Updated: September 30, 2011

California State University, Fresno
UNIVERSITY-WIDE PEER EVALUATION FORM
Civil and Geomatics Engineering Department

Professor Evaluated: _____

Rank: _____ Course: _____ Term/Year: _____

Date of Classroom Visitation: _____

Name of Evaluator _____ Signature: _____

Ratings Scale: 5 = superior | 4 = above average | 3 = average | 2 = below average | 1 = weak

Category	Rating (1-5)
A. Course Content. The assessment of course content shall include a review of the currency of the content of a course, the appropriateness of the level of the content of a course, and the appropriateness of the sequencing of the content to best achieve the learning objectives for the course. COMMENTS:	
B. Instructional Design. The assessment of the instructional design of the course shall include a review of learning objectives, syllabi, instructional support materials, organization of lectures, and the use of technology appropriate to the class. COMMENTS:	
C. Instructional Delivery. The assessment of delivery shall include a review of oral presentation skills, written communication skills, skills using various forms of informational technology, and the ability to create an overall environment conducive to student learning. COMMENTS:	
D. Assessment Methods. The evaluation of assessment methods shall consist of a review of the tools, procedures, and strategies used for measuring student learning, and providing timely and meaningful feedback to students. COMMENTS:	

Additional comments may be included on the riverside of this form

DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING POLICY ON ASSESSMENT OF TEACHING EFFECTIVENESS

APM 322 is the official policy on the Assessment of Teaching Effectiveness. This Departmental policy is designed to further define requirements at the Departmental level as specified in APM 322.

STUDENT RATINGS OF INSTRUCTION

Each tenured faculty member shall have a minimum of two sections rated by students annually. Each non-tenured faculty member shall have all sections rated by students every semester.

While the IDEA Short Form will be the standard paper instrument for the campus, faculty may elect to use either the Diagnostic Form or Online version.

Student ratings of instruction shall be assessed to identify patterns and trends of teaching performance and effectiveness. It is expected that the faculty member shall meet or exceed the department standard of 3.25 out of 5.0 using adjusted or unadjusted scores, whichever are higher, on a regular basis; however, it is more important to evaluate on the basis of multi-year trends rather than focusing on a single course or narrow time frame.

PEER EVALUATIONS

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- b. For full-time temporary faculty, two sections each semester for the first year and two sections each academic year thereafter].
- c. For probationary faculty, two sections (to include as many different courses as possible) every semester.
- d. For tenured faculty, one section each academic year on a rotating basis such that during a five year period the maximum number of different courses is evaluated.

2. Faculty will use the attached departmentally approved form to evaluate Course Content, Instructional Design, Instructional Delivery, and Assessment methods.

3. Peer evaluation of faculty will generally consist of satisfactory performance and positive comments. At least two of the four categories being evaluated should achieve "satisfactory" status. Evidence of improvement in the categories identified as "should be monitored closely" and/or "require immediate attention" is expected such that a satisfactory status is attained within the next two cycles of evaluation. In general, continuous improvement in all categories of evaluation is expected. Tenured and probationary faculty over time must provide evidence of progression toward teaching excellence.

OVERALL

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APPROVAL PROCESS

Departmental policies will be submitted to the appropriate School/College Dean and to the Provost for review and approval.

Last Updated: October 18, 2011

California State University, Fresno
PEER EVALUATION FORM
Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering

Professor Evaluated: _____

Rank: _____ Course: _____ Term/Year: _____

Date of Classroom Visitation: _____

Name of Evaluator _____ Signature: _____

Category	Satisfactory	Should be monitored closely	Requires immediate attention
A. Course Content. The assessment of course content shall include a review of the currency of the content of a course, the appropriateness of the level of the content of a course, and the appropriateness of the sequencing of the content to best achieve the learning objectives for the course.			
COMMENTS: 			
B. Instructional Design. The assessment of the instructional design of the course shall include a review of learning objectives, syllabi, instructional support materials, organization of lectures, and the use of technology appropriate to the class.			
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COMMENTS: 			
D. Assessment Methods. The evaluation of assessment methods shall consist of a review of the tools, procedures, and strategies used for measuring student learning, and providing timely and meaningful feedback to students.			
COMMENTS: 			

Additional comments may be included on the reverse side of this form.