

Student evaluations should be done entirely online.

CURRENT CHALLENGE:

Student evaluations of their teachers. Right now it seems like the students do not care too much about the evaluations and they seem like they are not putting a lot of effort into them. This could be based on time constraints with teachers having them complete the evaluations at the end of class or they feel like it is really not anonymous and that it could affect their grades.

PROPOSED SOLUTION:

My solution is to implement a system similar to SJSU (my alma-mater). They had a fantastic system that helped me feel more comfortable in writing my review and help encourage more students to even do them. The idea is to have the evaluations entirely online via my.fresnostate.edu. Not only does this eliminate the time stress (as they can do it when they have time) it also means that they are not losing any of their valuable learning time to evaluate their teacher. It also helps as a more reassurance that the teachers will not even receive the evaluation until 6 months after the classes are over and there is no way to analyze the hand writing. It also gives for more opportunity to write and explain why you evaluated the way that you did. Which I know not all students did as it was not required, but many students like myself want to explain why we gave them a 4 and what change they would want the teacher to make in order to get the 5.

It was also nice because they were able to encourage students to do it by holding the grades of students that did not complete them on time (only a week or so but it still worked).

BENEFITS TO FRESNO STATE:

I think that this would benefit Fresno State so that the professors would be able to not have a wasted period of students filling out evaluations, the students would be able to feel more secure and have more thoughtful responses to the evaluation questions. It would also be nice because it would mean staff members would not be stuck making a bunch of packets for the teachers to hand out. Taking time and energy away from their other tasks.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: