

Committee on course surveys

Voting results

- 1 person voted to “add more items to the course survey.”
- 10 people voted to “use the seven response scale items and the single open-ended item.”
- Therefore, our recommendation is to use the seven response scale items and the single open-ended item (see next side).

Course survey items

Response scale items:

- 1) The instructor clearly defined and explained the course objectives and expectations.
- 2) The instructor was prepared to teach for each instructional period.
- 3) The instructor communicated information effectively.
- 4) The instructor encouraged me to take an active role in my own learning.
- 5) The instructor was available outside of class either electronically or in person.
- 6) My overall rating of the course is:
- 7) My overall rating of the teaching of this course is:

Open-ended item:

“Your written comments are an important part of your course and instructor evaluation. Please provide feedback in the box below on aspects of the course and/or the instructor that were most effective or need improvement. Student comments will be provided to your instructor only after course grades have been submitted. The instructor may, but is not be obligated to, share these comments with others or include them in any evaluation process.”

Suggestions

- For those interested in adding more items, we recommend that this is handled at the instructor, Department, or College level.
 - For example, instructors could create their own paper or on-line versions to collect information specific to their course.
 - One could also use i-clickers to allow students to provide immediate feedback throughout the semester (e.g., after each lecture). This approach would also allow the instructor to respond to those comments immediately and make changes to the course.