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Options for Student Evaluation

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1. Student Evaluation Forms
Evaluations are administered by a committee member or a faculty/staff designee.

2. Small Group Instructional Feedback

A committee member agrees to distribute for completion and collect a student evaluation form in one of the evaluee's classes, at which time the following questions are asked, along with any others the committee member deems necessary which asks the following questions:

- a) What have you liked most about this course?
- b) What has the instructor done that has helped you to learn the material?
- c) What have you liked least?
- d) How can the instructor enhance your learning?
- e) Other questions the Peer Review Committee deems necessary.

The evaluator must type <u>all</u> the student-provided comments before giving them to the evaluee (after final grades have posted) to preserve student anonymity as much as possible. The <u>typed</u> evaluation comments must also be submitted to the Tenure and Evaluations Office with the evaluation report. The facilitator may summarize (or include verbatim) the students' comments and incorporate them in the evaluation report as appropriate.

- 3. Unit Evaluations given in a single course
 Unit evaluations are short evaluations administered by a committee member to
 students at least three times during the semester in a course chosen by the evaluee.
 The first evaluation occurs during the first four weeks of the semester. The
 second and third evaluations may be spaced as desired by the instructor. These
 evaluations ask each student the following questions, along with any others the
 committee member deems necessary: What have you liked most about this
 course? What has the instructor done that has helped you to learn the material?
 What have you liked least? How can the instructor enhance your learning? After
 each evaluation session, the committee member must type and give the students'
 comments to the instructor after final grades are posted.
- 4. An alternative method approved by the Tenure and Evaluations Review Board prior to implementation.

ONLINE COURSE OBSERVATION FORM

Timeframe the Online Course Was Observed	
Name of Evaluee_	
Name of Evaluator	
Course Title and Class Number	

A. Responsibilities of the Evaluator and Evaluee prior to the Class Observation:

- 1. The evaluator will contact the evaluee as early as possible during the semester to determine a mutually agreeable method and timeframe for conducting the online observation.
 - Methods for observing an online course include: (1) participating as an observer in the evaluee's Canvas course (including participating in a live session if one occurs during the two-week evaluation period, though the live session is meant to be supplemental to a review of the Canvas shell) or (2) arranging a time to review the distance education platform together (Canvas course, etc.) where the evaluee will guide the evaluator through the online course.

The evaluator will review the course syllabus, assessment methods and/or tools (e.g. exam, rubric), and other pertinent course materials either before the class observation or during the observation. The evaluator will also need a Course Outline of Record for the class; it can be found on the META website.

- 2. To gain *observer* status in the evaluee's Canvas course, the evaluator will e-mail the evaluee and request access as an observer. The evaluee will add them as an observer through the "People" tab on their Canvas course using the evaluator's Palomar email address or 9-digit Palomar ID. Video (and step by step) instructions for how evaluees can do this in Canvas are found on the ATRC and/or TERB websites. Online course observations are to last no longer than two weeks—at which point, the evaluee shall remove the observer from their Canvas shell using instructions found on the ATRC and/or TERB websites.
- 3. The evaluee will give notice to online students that another faculty member will view the discussion board and/or online class participation, if the evaluee believes this is appropriate.

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4. Prior to the online course evaluation, the evaluee may send a list of some course features that the evaluee would like the evaluator to assess during the online observation. Examples might include: Are the deadlines and student responsibilities clearly stated? Do the instructions for projects and assignments foster collaboration and discussion?

The <u>CVC Course Design Rubric</u> is the rubric approved by the Faculty Senate and TERB to provide guidance on how to design an effective online course.

The CVC Course Design Rubric has four sections:

- A. Content Presentation
- B. Interaction
- C. Assessment
- D. Accessibility

Utilize the <u>CVC Course Design Rubric</u> to help guide you through your peer online course review. You are not expected to complete or submit sections A-D of the rubric; it is meant only as guidance. The sections of the rubric that align to each evaluation question are included. For additional instructions on how to utilize the CVC Rubric, please review the <u>@ONE Course Design Resources</u>.

B. The major focus of the online observation:

Answer each of the following questions regarding the online class observation.

- In what ways has the instructor prepared students for this online course and ensured that students have information about Palomar services? For guidance, refer to CVC Course Design Rubric Sections: "A9-A11: Learner Support" and "A12-A14: Institutional Support."
- 3. Describe the clarity of course content. In what ways is the content challenging or thought-provoking? Is content consistent with the Course Outline of Record? How does the instructor demonstrate knowledge and currency in his/her discipline? (You will find the Course Outline of Record on the META website). For guidance, refer to CVC Course Design Rubric Section: "A1-A3: Unit-Level Objectives"

- 4. Describe the ways in which the instructor communicates with students, motivates them, encourages discussion, and promotes student interactions with each other.

 For guidance, refer to CVC Course Design Rubric Sections: "B1-B3: Instructor Contact" and "B4-B6: Student-to-Student Contact."
- 5. Describe the clarity of the instructor's course expectations, grading policy, method of assessments and feedback. For guidance, refer to CVC Course Design Rubric Sections: "C1-C4: Effective Assessment" and "C5-C8: Guidance and Feedback."
- 6. Describe how they have aligned to the state standards for accessibility and in which areas they could continue to improve upon and how. (Please emphasize an evaluee's progress toward meeting these state standards.) For guidance, refer to CVC Course Design Rubric Section D to review the accessibility of the online course.
- 7. What is noteworthy about this class and why? Other comments?

8. Additional comments and suggestions.

6.7.

OPTIONAL SECTION FOR SYNCHRONOUS CLASS OBSERVATIONS

- 1. How does the instructor communicate the objectives of the class session?
- 2. Describe the instructor's organization and presentation of information.
- 3. How does the instructor motivate students and maintain interest?
- 4. In what ways does the instructor encourage class participation?
- 5. Which of the following methods does the instructor employ? Circle and comment as appropriate.

lecture
discussion
demonstration
group work
Other What about the session is particularly noteworthy and why? Comments regarding the specific observations requested by evaluee
(see section A number 2)

C. Actions after the Online Observation is Completed: The evaluator will meet with the evaluee at a mutually agreeable time after the evaluation report is completed to review the <u>online observation</u>. Later, after grades are posted, the evaluator will meet with the evaluee again to review the student evaluations and review report.

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