

Evaluations Observer

Purpose: The evaluations observer is a TERB-appointed, tenured faculty member added to all tenured (peer) and probationary evaluation committees where the evaluatee is under an improvement plan. Their purpose is to monitor the process and answer process questions for evaluation team members and the evaluatee to help ensure the process is followed and is fair.

Selection Criteria:

Evaluations observer selection, a process completed by TERB, is guided by these criteria. The evaluations observer shall:

- Be approved by TERB
- Be a tenured faculty member
- Be knowledgeable of evaluation processes germane to the committee in question
- Be able to maintain confidentiality
- Be able to maintain impartiality with respect to the details of an evaluation (the evaluation observer's role is to provide guidance on/understanding of *process* and not guidance on how to interpret evaluation data or what to write in the evaluation report)
- Not be a member of the evaluatee's evaluation committee
- Not be a member of the evaluatee's department
- Not be immediate family of the evaluatee (as noted in BP 7310) nor be a former spouse/partner of the evaluatee
- For probationary faculty committees with an improvement plan, not be an appointee to the Evaluation Appeals Committee

Evaluations Observer Responsibilities:

- Maintain confidentiality and impartiality
- Answer evaluation process questions that evaluation committees or evaluatees may have
- Share any process answers with both the evaluation team and the evaluatee regardless of who asked the question
- Provide updates to and ask questions of the TERB Coordinator and/or TERB
- Should keep documentation related to their own participation in evaluation meetings
- In collaboration with TERB, keep the evaluation process on track if required

TA'd on 5/27/2022

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Fall 2022 Part-Time Evaluation Calendar

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For peer evaluations resulting in a needs improvement rating or lower, please reach out to the TERB Coordinator to discuss timeline. In those cases, it will be necessary to complete the report and develop an improvement plan in advance of the subsequent semester so there is time to implement the improvement plan.

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NOTE ON COURSE OBSERVATIONS AND STUDENT EVALUATIONS: For all terms (16-week, 12-week, Fast Track, etc.), student evaluations and course observations should begin/occur around the 40% mark and end around the the 80% mark in the semester. Most student evaluations are now conducted using an online system (instead of being deployed on paper, face-to-face), so the Tenure and Evaluations Office may run the evaluations during that entire timeframe in order to maximize response rates. Counselors and Librarian evaluations may start earlier and/or end later based on department need. Exceptions can be made based on need.

For reference, the 40% and 80% marks for a 16-week course are, respectively, the middle of week six (6) and the end of week twelve (12). For an 8-week Fast Track course, it's the beginning of week three (3) (40% mark) and the end of week six (6) (80% mark).

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Sept 5-16: 1st year probationary faculty should be notified of their TEC composition by the week of Sept. 5th. This is the beginning of the 10-day challenge timeframe for 1st year probationary faculty per Article 17.6.3.

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Note: The VPI is no longer natively on a Probationary TEC. Any one member of the TEC or the evaluatee may invite the VPI to be part of the TEC. If making this request, please do so as soon as possible and do so in writing, over email, and CC the TEC, the evaluatee, and the TERB Coordinator.

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IMPROVEMENT PLANS

In the event where an improvement plan will be required (i.e., if any rating in the report is mark “needs improvement” or “unsatisfactory,”) please complete the report and improvement plan draft before the team and the evaluatee leave for Winter Break. It is **essential** that the improvement plan process begins as soon as possible.

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You may digitally submit the probationary evaluation packet here: [Submit Documents for Probationary Faculty – Tenure and Evaluations \(palomar.edu\)](#)

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Conducting Classroom Observations Online: Previously, evaluators requested Canvas access via ADAs or the Instruction Office. Now, the evaluatees themselves are the ones who grant the observer access to the Canvas shell and then revoke that access when Option (A) is chosen. This is done using the evaluator’s full Palomar email address (e.g., llawson@palomar.edu—this is an example; do not add me to your Canvas). This happens in the “People” tab of the evaluatee’s canvas course, and ATRC helpfully has created a video for how to do that [[link](#)]. An evaluator should communicate with the evaluatee about when the **two-week observation window** will begin. Then, the evaluatee must give the evaluator the role of OBSERVER (and only OBSERVER) and then revoke the role after the two week observation period.

NOTE ON COURSE OBSERVATIONS AND STUDENT EVALUATIONS: For all terms (16-week, 12-week, Fast Track, etc.), student evaluations and course observations should begin/occur around the 40% mark and end around the the 80% mark in the semester. Most student evaluations are now conducted using an online system (instead of being deployed on paper, face-to-face), so the Tenure and Evaluations Office may run the evaluations during that entire timeframe in order to maximize response rates. Counselors and Librarian evaluations may start earlier and/or end later based on department need. Exceptions can be made based on need.

For reference, the 40% and 80% marks for a 16-week course are, respectively, the middle of week six (6) and the end of week twelve (12). For an 8-week Fast Track course, it’s the beginning of week three (3) (40% mark) and the end of week six (6) (80% mark).

Spring 2023 Probationary Evaluation Calendar

Written explanations on page two.

FEBRUARY 2023

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GENERAL NOTES (please read):

For spring semesters, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd year probationary faculty receive student evaluations (but see no observations) in all of their courses, up to load. Courses for 4th year faculty do not have student evaluations nor are their classes observed in spring of their 4th year (for the purposes of tenure unless otherwise allowed via MOU).

For spring semesters, TECs must complete the "Spring Confirmation" document, review it with the evaluatee, and collect necessary signatures. This document must be sent to the Tenure and Evaluations Office before the team leaves for summer break.

IMPORTANT FOR FAST TRACK, 4 WEEK, or other partial-semester CLASSES! If a course does not adhere to the typical full-course timeline (FT1, 12 weeks, etc.), student evaluations will be administered by the Tenure and Evaluations Office around the mid-point of the semester. Classroom observations should be conducted after the first 25% of the course has elapsed but before final exams.

February 6: Completed. **Completely signed** Fall 2022 probationary review packets (including evaluation, classroom or workplace observation, department chair letter, evaluatee PD contract, any improvement plan, and signatures from TEC and evaluatee) are due in the TERB office. [If the TEC needs the Tenure and Evaluations Office to collect signatures digitally, please email the TERB Coordinator with the request.]

March 6 – May 5: Student evaluations for semester-length classes are typically conducted in this timeframe. Counselors and Librarian evaluations may start earlier and/or end later based on department need.

Late April – May 12: Tabulated student evaluations are mailed to the evaluator (specified by the department chair at the beginning of the semester). Evaluators should refer to the *Part-Time Checklist* found on the TERB website for components of the evaluation report.

Do not discuss **student evals** until after evaluatee has submitted final grades for Spring 23. (This would include discussing the **evaluation report** if it includes student comments.) You may, and should, discuss your **observation report** with them as early as is convenient, though, so evaluatees have some early feedback.

By the final day of the semester: TEC Chair and one other member of the TEC meets with the evaluatee to review the Spring Confirmation form and collect signatures. Document must be submitted to the TERB Office before the team leaves for summer break.

You may digitally submit the Spring Confirmation form here: [Probationary Spring Meeting Confirmation Upload \(PDF Only\) – Tenure and Evaluations \(palomar.edu\)](https://palomar.edu/tenure-and-evaluations/probationary-spring-meeting-confirmation-upload-pdf-only)












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