

Revision of Student Evaluation of Teaching (SET)

Spring 2015

1. Revise the questions

Fall 2016 – Spring 2017

2. Improve return rate
3. Workshops for interpretation and use of SET
 - Faculty for improvement of teaching
 - Administrators, UPCs, CPCs, senior faculty for personnel decisions

Background:

- Current course evaluation form created in 1997 by an ad hoc committee
 - Based on organization of the university (then college) as seven schools
 - Composed of:
 - Set of common questions
 - Set of school specific questions
 - Resulting in seven different instruments (*see comparison*)
 - Random changes to some forms over time
- IDEA pilot (Fall 2012)

Goals for updating course evaluation tool:

- Utilize current best practices for Student Evaluation of Teaching (SET)
- Have one consistent instrument for use across the university
- Have comparable data for use in FARs and Dossier reviews

Proposal:

1. Use course feedback form developed by Dr. Thomas Angelo, an internationally recognized expert and consultant on higher education teaching and learning, assessment and faculty development. (*see form*)

Categories of questions:

- Student
- Course
- Instructor
- Summary comparison with other courses

2. If colleges/schools/programs would like additional questions related to their unit, those questions would become an addendum or separate instrument of evaluation. (Develop in AY2015-16)

Consultation

- Provost Council
- UTLA
- UPC

General feedback

- Significant improvement over current course evaluation tool
- Recommendation to add two open ended questions similar to current course evaluation

Next:

- Faculty

Provost Office will:

- email presentation, summary comparison, and proposed form with request for feedback
- aggregate and review feedback
- bring revised form to faculty in fall

Current PhilaU Courseval open ended questions:

1. *(All PhilaU forms)*

What aspects of this course were most effective in helping you to learn?

2. *(Some PhilaU forms)*

What constructive suggestions do you have about how to improve student learning in this course?

3. *(Some PhilaU forms)*

Please comment on the facilities and equipment.