

Student Opinion Survey Policy for Spring 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2021

For courses taught in the Spring 2020 Semester, the following policy shall apply:

- To the extent possible, students should be afforded the opportunity to submit their comments on an end of semester Student Opinion Survey.
- For departments that previously had not selected to do their surveys online, the administration shall make reasonable effort to provide an online option for those departments. Departments that had previously elected to use online surveys shall continue to do so.
- Faculty who are applying for promotion, tenure, annual renewal, or sexennial review shall not be obligated to submit student opinion surveys for the Spring 2020 semester as part of their portfolio, and the review of their portfolio shall not be prejudiced by the lack of Spring 2020 student opinion surveys. Faculty should refer to the Faculty Senate Promotion and Tenure Guidelines for examples of alternative supporting evidence for load credit activity.

For courses taught in the Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 semester:

- Faculty members are urged to follow the Faculty Senate Promotion and Tenure Guidelines, as well as their department's guidelines, when constructing their evaluation portfolio. In particular, they are advised to include supportive evidence for the quality of their load credit activity that goes beyond student opinion surveys.
- Evaluators of portfolios are reminded that student opinion surveys are an imperfect tool and should not be the only measure of the quality of a faculty member's load credit activity. In particular, they are exhorted to take into consideration the extraordinary circumstances of the Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 semesters when reviewing applicant portfolios.
- The same consideration as above should be afforded part-time faculty whose evaluation may include the review of student opinion surveys.