

Subject: Recommendation on Terminology in Reference to Student Surveys

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The University Senate recommends that the survey of student attitudes obtained by responses to a questionnaire at the end of a given course be referred to as a *student survey*, *student survey questionnaire*, or by similar terms, in all official University communications, correspondence, and documents.

In particular, the Senate recommends that the use of the term *evaluation*, including *course evaluation*, and/or other variants, be avoided in reference to these Surveys.

Rationale

Terms such as *survey* or *survey questionnaire* accurately reflect the means of data collection, while the term *evaluation* mischaracterizes the significance of the data collected with such surveys.