

To: WOU Faculty Senate
From: Mary Pettenger, Chair of the Joint Committee on Faculty Evaluation
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RE: Status Report on Faculty Evaluations

The Joint Committee on Faculty Evaluation, as part of its Charge and Objectives, is offering a status report regarding the current state of the WOU Faculty Evaluations. The committee met once during fall quarter and has corresponded during the year on topics such as increasing response rates. Below is the report of our 2016-17 activities related to the evaluation instrument.

The main focus of the committee over the past year has been on:

- Response rates - comparison of averages and strategies to improve
- Question bank - validity and reliability of closed-ended questions, need for new questions relevant for online/hybrid classes, and the possibility of expansion of bank for faculty specific, department and division needs
- Evaluation results - comparison within and outside of WOU

Over the next academic year, the committee will continue to compile data, monitor concerns and the validity of the results, and discuss the possibility of revising and/or expanding the closed-ended question bank. At this time, the open-ended questions were included in the Course Evaluation survey without the participation of the committee. This topic may be addressed as well. In addition, not all divisions on campus are represented on the committee and new members are encouraged to join.