

STUDENT COURSE EVALUATIONS FOR FALL 2020

Action: The university will collect student course evaluation data for all Fall 2020 courses. Faculty will be given the opportunity to exclude this data for any course during Fall semester from 2020 annual evaluations, third-year review, all future promotion evaluations, and the tenure process. Omission of course evaluation data will not be considered negatively in such evaluations. The Provost's office will contact faculty directly with an online form and directions to exclude scores. For 2020 annual evaluations and 2021-22 P&T applications and beyond, requests to exclude Fall 2020 data must be submitted by **January 5, 2021**.

Policies at Issue:

- [FSH 3320](#) ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS OF FACULTY MEMBERS
- [FSH 3500](#) PROMOTION AND TENURE, D-2.c. Teaching Effectiveness
- [FSH 3510](#) THIRD-YEAR REVIEW

Reasons for Action: In fall 2020, many faculty had to teach in new formats to accommodate in-person instruction at University of Idaho as well as meet health and safety regulations due to COVID-19. Sometimes, these formats were not the modes that faculty would have taught in or chosen. Wildfire disruptions and surges in COVID cases led to further classroom disruptions. Faculty are concerned about the effect of these disruptions on their teaching evaluations for Fall 2020. Additionally, the disruptions of the semester prohibited the implementation of an alternate way to evaluate teaching effectiveness. For these reasons, course evaluations will continue to be collected but faculty have the option to omit results from future evaluation processes. The university may retain course evaluation information to identify university-wide trends that could lead to further course development and format improvement.