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.