

Implementing Open Course Evaluations

University-Wide Progress to Date
Student Affairs Committee

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Resolution Background

- Resolution passed April 27, 2012 by a vote of 44–12
 - “...all Columbia University schools work to implement an open evaluation system during the 2012–2013 academic year, with...the expectation that **open course evaluations should become the norm.**”
- Specifics of implementation left to each school
- Implementation suggestions: 2–year roll–out period, some instructors exempt (TAs, new faculty)

Implementation Progress

- 6 out of 19 schools (excluding JTS) have made steps toward implementation. Of these schools:
 - 3 had a closed evaluation process before the resolution (College, Nursing, and School of Continuing Education)
 - 2 already had open quantitative data and are working toward incorporating a qualitative question (Business and SIPA)
 - 2 schools had hard copy course evaluations upon inquiry only (Social Work, P&S)
- College of Dental Medicine had open quantitative data pre-resolution, has decided to take no further action

Progress to Date by School

School	Before Resolution	Action Steps	Contact Person
Arts	Closed	None	Jana Hart Wright mk156@columbia.edu
Barnard	Individual option to publish on dept. site	None	Linda Bell labell@barnard.edu
Business	Non-core, quant data avail via BOSS	Added 1 qual question for non-core classes	Kim Kefgen kk2012@columbia.edu
College	Closed except select A&S depts, e.g. economics	Under purview of A&S; natural sciences will pilot	Kathryn Yatrakis kby1@columbia.edu
Dental	Quantitative data available	Decision to take no further action	Letty Moss-Salentijn lm23@columbia.edu
GS	Closed; avail to GSSC to aid initiatives	None	Curtis Rogers cr249@columbia.edu

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School	Before Resolution	Action Steps	Contact Person
GSAPP	Closed	None	Danielle Smoller ds89@columbia.edu
GSAS (Hum/NS)	Closed	None	Andrea Solomon as660@columbia.edu
Journalism	Open	N/A	Melanie Huff mgh2@columbia.edu
Law	Open	N/A	Alice Rigas arigas@law.columbia.edu
Nursing	Closed	Piloting open system for Fall 2013 evals	Judy Honig jch3@columbia.edu
Mailman	Hardcopy, upon inquiry only	None	Marlyn Delva mmt2@columbia.edu
P&S	Hardcopy, upon inquiry only	None	Lisa Mellman lam3@columbia.edu

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School	Before Resolution	Action Steps	Contact Person
SEAS	Quant data avail on SEAS oracle (unpopular)	None	Soulaymane Kachani kachani@columbia.edu
SCE	None	Hope to have open evals by the end of this year	Paul McNeil pm7@columbia.edu
SIPA	Open	Incorporating qual question, integrating w/ class directory	Dan McIntyre dm2429@columbia.edu
Social Work	Hardcopy, upon inquiry only	Student leadership voted for open evals	Karma Lowe kn13@columbia.edu
TC	Closed	None	Kate Conway kgm11@columbia.edu
UTS	None	None	Not assigned

Next Steps

- Small group at each school to take on implementation, discuss specific steps appropriate for their school
- Extend evaluation period beyond final exams
- Consult peer schools within Columbia
- Senators working with school administrations