

## Faculty Review of Course Evaluations

The eCore Curriculum and Instruction office sends eCore instructors the results of their course evaluations along with the eCore Instructor Evaluation report for the semester. Faculty must review the course evaluation results and the Instructor Evaluation and then complete the Instructor Evaluation Summary Survey, documenting what improvements they plan to make. eCore Administrative Services first implemented the Instruction Evaluation Summary during the 2009 Summer term. The eCore Instructor Evaluation was implemented during the end of the Fall 2009 term.

The Instructor Evaluation includes two elements from the course evaluation: timeliness of response to students and overall instructor effectiveness. The instructor evaluation also provides course retention percentage and the average retention for course subject area. Instructors are also evaluated on discussion participation and discussion quality in the eCore Instructor Evaluation.

The Evaluation Summary poses the following questions to eCore instructors:

After reviewing your student evaluations, what do you think went well in the class?

What was problematic? What needs to be improved?

What do you plan to change next time you teach the course?

## Major Findings

In FY 2010, faculty evaluation summaries revealed:

- Most eCore faculty reported that proctored online midterm and final exams were a positive component of their eCore courses.
- While instructors routinely return graded papers within a week, they plan to return graded assignments even faster according to the Instructor Evaluation Summary Survey.
- Faculty indicated that students not purchasing course materials and texts at the beginning of term is problematic.
- Many faculty reported a need to more actively encourage students to participate in end-of-course evaluations.
- The majority of eCore instructors strive for more interaction and improved feedback in class discussions.
- Retention for the Spring 2010 term was 84 percent- an all time high for eCore's retention of students.
- Faculty Evaluation Summary responses are published at under each term's Course Information webpage at <http://ecore.usg.edu/admin/>.