

Course & Faculty Teaching Evaluations

The Office for Education will provide DEOs with their departmental course evaluations every semester. When we are satisfied with the reporting functions and parameters in AEFIS (evaluation system), DEOs will then have access to run and view their own departmental reports. Currently, individual faculty have access to their own evaluation results at uiowa.aefis.net.

As a reminder, course evaluations are one mechanism to help you monitor teaching and learning trends among your departmental faculty and courses. Results should be reviewed and discussed with faculty on a regular basis and be used as *one* data point (not in isolation) when contemplating changes. Course evaluations are not intended to be punitive, rather formative in nature in which faculty should be encouraged to improve teaching and overall quality of their courses. Although students are not expert instructors, they are experts in their own learning and their feedback should be taken as such.

Accountability and responsibility for quality teaching and learning is a collegiate effort. The diagram below illustrates how course evaluations can be utilized to promote continuous educational improvements.

