



Food for thought to empower your teaching

The following are strategies that some faculty members have used to encourage more helpful and constructive responses from students when completing the Student Evaluation of Teaching (SET) survey:

1. Share the importance of SET

From your very first class, make sure to explain the concept and significance of SET. Regular reminders, particularly during the final month of the course, help reinforce this importance.

2. Create an open feedback culture

Demonstrate your genuine concern for your students' success. Regularly request feedback and cultivate an open dialogue atmosphere. This habit familiarizes students with the concept of giving feedback and demonstrates that their opinion is valued for course improvement.

3. Leverage the syllabus

Announce the SET evaluation window in your syllabus and adjust the evaluation period to avoid times when students are likely to be distracted, like exam days, using the response rate dashboard at wayne.bluera.com/wayne.

4. Give time in class

Set aside time during class for SET completion and ask students to bring their devices to class that day. This can be particularly effective for in-person classes because it uses the power of peer pressure to participate.

5. Monitor participation

Keep an eye on participation using the SET dashboard at wayne.bluera.com/wayne. If response rates are low, you can send additional reminders to encourage more feedback.

6. Tell your story

Explain how SET feedback is used for course improvement and faculty evaluations. Give some examples where feedback improved your course or teaching methods. This transparency can help motivate students to participate more actively.

7. Encourage participation

Frequent reminders, a note in your slides, and building relationships with your students can significantly boost students' willingness to provide valuable feedback.

Remember, SET is more than a tool for performance measurement. It is an opportunity for you to learn, grow, and build stronger connections with your students.

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