Student Evaluation of Teaching

Update for the Policy Committee

6/14/21

2N SET Committee
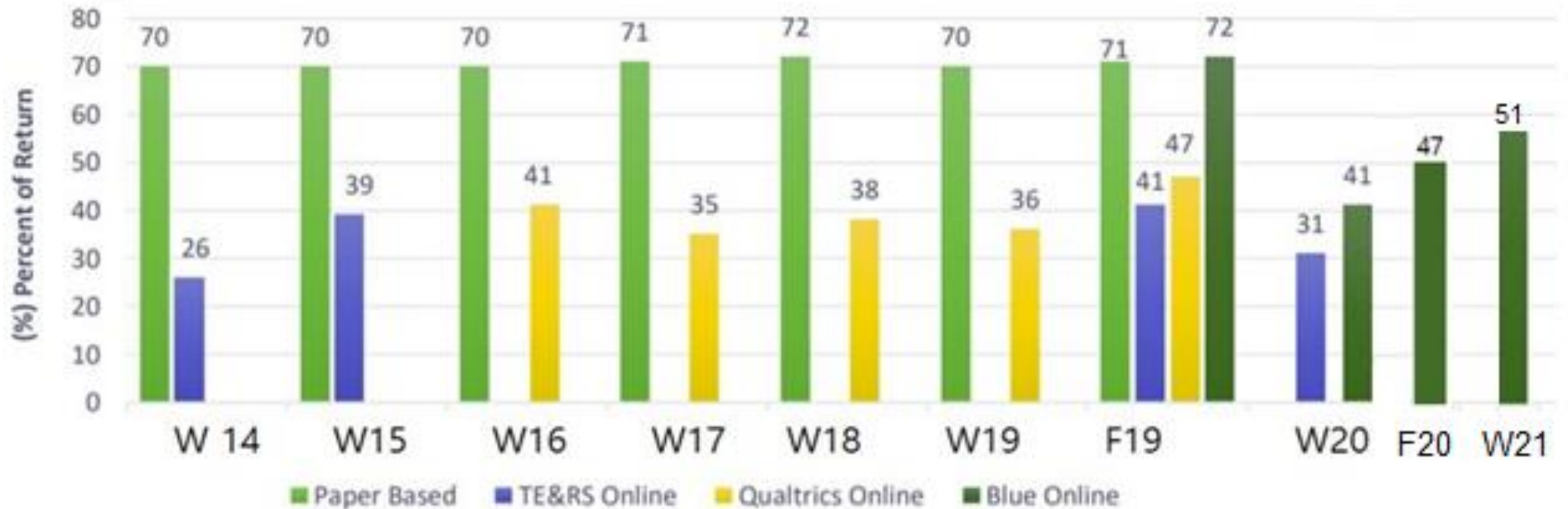
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Decisions about Student Evaluation of Teaching improvements were made by a 2N Committee. Such committees have equal representation from administrators and faculty. The faculty is selected by the Faculty Union. Above are members of the 2N SET Committee.
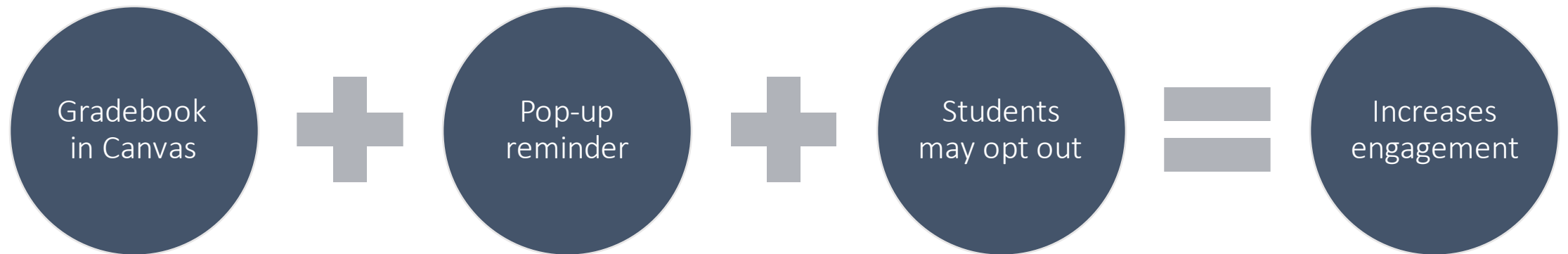
Student engagement over time

Summer 2021

This approach resulted in the lowest levels of student engagement so far.

	Winter 2020	Spring Summer 2020	Fall 2020
Response Rate	41%	35%	47%
Gradebook Link	No gradebook	No gradebook	Gradebook
Evaluation Period	2 weeks	2 weeks	1 week
Links	Canvas and email	Email, there was an error with the Canvas link	Email, but later the canvas link was fixed
Timing of the Evaluation Period	Evaluation period began two weeks before the end of class	Evaluation period began two weeks before the end of class	Evaluation period began three weeks before the end of class
Edits to the Evaluation Period	No date changes allowed	No date changes allowed	SET coordinators can revise dates to better fit faculty requests

How does the Gradebook Reminder work?

Gradebook in Canvas **+** Pop-up reminder **+** Students may opt out **=** Increases engagement

Winter 2021 Approach

This approach resulted in the highest levels of student engagement so far.

For the Winter 2021 administration, the SET committee determined:

- To continue to utilize the gradebook reminder
- To extend the evaluation window to one and a half weeks.
- To begin the evaluation window later, to one and a half weeks before the last day of classes.
- To allow faculty to change the evaluation period with assistance from their SET coordinator.
- To not allow students who drop after Census Day to evaluate their courses

The resulting response rate for Winter 2021 SET administration was 51.4% participation:

- 42.2% Completed
- 0.8% Partially completed
- 8.3% Opt-out
- 48.6% Not completed

Other approaches taken to increase engagement

Simplifying our message and using graphics developed by the University of Toronto

Utilizing online methods of sharing messaging that students should participate

Changing the dates and changing how long the evaluation period lasts

Allowing faculty, a method to personalize their evaluation dates

Whitelisting the Explorance server with our technical support

Using a reminder attached to the Canvas grade book

Ongoing collaboration with an administrative/ faculty committee

Other decisions determined by 2N SET

Students would like to evaluate instructors after the semester ends.

- No change

Students would like us to further protect confidentiality by blocking evaluation of small classes.

- No change

Faculty would like to be able to see names of those who have participated.

- No change

We are educating faculty and students about common confusions.

- Continue

Faculty would like to edit their evaluation period themselves.

- Allow SET coordinators to do this for faculty

Should we exclude students from the evaluation who drop after Census Day?

- Yes