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To: Faculty Senate
From: Dr. Greg Blalock, Chair, Student Course Evaluation Committee
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Re: 2013-2014 Course Evaluations for online courses

With the current academic year's discontinuation of the use of Digital Measures as the platform for conducting course evaluations for online and many hybrid courses, the Social Research Center has been working with UITS to provide a temporary means for conducting electronic evaluations for online courses. Thus, during the upcoming Fall and Spring semesters, student evaluations for all online courses will be conducted using a temporary utility within Banner (using the same evaluative questions that have been used in the past). This temporary system is in its final stages of testing at this time and should be ready to use within the next month. This system will be used for online courses only.

During the 2013-2014 academic year, the Course Evaluation Committee is continuing to work with the Social Research Center to evaluate options for a permanent system of course evaluation that addresses the past challenges posed by the use of Digital Measures. This work will include looking at what other institutions within the USG are doing as well as evaluating specific aspects (i.e., software, policies, cost, etc.) that would be important to CSU. Periodically, the Committee will report to, and seek input from, the Faculty Senate with regard to concerns and recommendations to maximize faculty input in an authentic way. The goal of this work is to recommend a system of course evaluation that draws from the strengths of paper and electronic evaluations while minimizing the inherent weakness of each.