

Task Force on Student Ratings of Teaching

Stockton University has used the commercial IDEA System, hereafter called IDEA (<https://stockton.edu/ctld/evaluation-of-teaching.html>) for the student ratings of instruction since 2006. In the fall of 2016, a campus survey of teaching faculty sought feedback on the IDEA instrument and the Stockton-designed Small Class instrument (SCI) modeled on IDEA (see <https://www.sftunion.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/IDEA-MOA-2018.pdf>). It is now time to review and evaluate the IDEA Student Rating of Instruction for future use of evaluating faculty performance in teaching.

Resolved that the Faculty Senate will work with the Stockton Federation of Teachers, Librarians, and Professional Staff to establish a faculty-led task force to evaluate the current use and effectiveness of the IDEA instrument for student ratings of teaching. This task force will be charged with the following:

- Determine the level of faculty satisfaction with the current student rating instrument.
- Identify concerns and recommendations faculty have regarding the current student ratings instrument.
- Collect information from faculty about the type of data and data analytics they would like from a student ratings instrument.
- Review and compare how and which rating systems are used in tenure and evaluation processes across sister schools.
- Identify the needs of accredited programs regarding student ratings of teaching.
- Solicit student feedback about their perceptions of rating instruments and the motivating reasons for (not) completing them.
- Provide recommendations to increase student participation.
- Compare the current IDEA instrument with other possible student rating instruments.
- Explore the possibility of attaching course assessment to the IDEA instrument or integrating course assessment with a new student ratings instrument.
- Provide recommendations regarding the renewal of the IDEA instrument or adoption of a new instrument (which factors in the renewal timeline as laid out in the university's contract with IDEA/Anthology).

The Senate authorizes the Senate Executive Committee to constitute the membership of the proposed task force. This task force will include membership of untenured and tenured faculty from each school, Academic Affairs, Center for Teaching & Learning Design, SFT Union, and representatives from Student Senate. The Task Force is charged with producing a report to the Faculty Senate no later than the May 2025 Senate Retreat.