

ABET Committee Meeting
01 Oct 02

In attendance:

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We need to find an alternative to only using the hard data. The discussion of today's meeting was centered on this topic – whether to use a subjective survey to solve this problem.

It was decided that any survey that is presented to the students and other faculty needs to be in addition to the standard OSU evaluation. This OSU evaluation already has specific purposes, and should be kept.

The new ECEN survey could be a questionnaire asking about course specific topics, and having a subjective “comments” section at the end of the survey

Some questions were raised as to whether these perceptions and this subjective data will be helpful to anyone. It was decided that hard data will have to be kept to back up the survey, in case of discrepancies.

It is also suggested that the instructor fill out a similar survey based on his belief of the students knowledge of the material. Then have the student fill out the corresponding survey.

It is suggested that any faculty member who desires help to keep this data in order will be able to get that help.

Not every faculty member will want to go about recording their data in the same manner, so there will not be one specific way to do this.

It is suggested that we correlate specific problems on the exams with specific topics in each course, so that the instructor will be able to get a better understanding of what the students do not understand. The more objective the data the more worthwhile it will be.

This will be an evolving project, as we learn what to do different for the next semester.

Proposal: The survey will include a faculty evaluation form and a student evaluation form that will be filled out each semester in each ECEN course. This will be in addition to the regular OSU evaluation form. Each faculty member will keep hard data from whatever class he teaches in a year, and any faculty member may request assistance to do this. This hard data will be required to support the surveys. A committee will meet once a year to look over the hard data and survey information that has been accumulated over the past year.

