

Two Mid-Semester Options for Instructional Feedback

Mid-semester is an excellent time to gather information about the effectiveness of your teaching. The Biggio Center has designed two ways to channel student perceptions of your teaching into opportunities for instructional improvement. Anonymous and voluntary, students' comments about the course, your teaching, and their learning are gathered and summarized and presented to you either in person during a one-on-one consultation or through an electronic report.

Small Group Instructional Feedback—SGIF

The SGIF feedback session requires approximately 30 minutes of class time at either the end or beginning of the class. During this time the instructor is absent from the room and the consultant conducts the SGIF. Small groups of students engage in discussion, for about 10 minutes, on the following questions:

1. What is going well in this class for you so far?
2. What suggestions do you have to enhance your learning experience?
3. What other comments do you have?

The small groups report to the class as a whole and the consultant summarizes the responses to the above questions. The consultant then schedules a meeting with the instructor to conduct a one-on-one consultation concerning the student feedback. A written summary of the feedback is provided and reviewed and suggestions are offered for enhancing teaching. The consultant will ensure that the small group discussions are not opportunities for students to simply gripe or complain, but rather opportunities to make meaningful suggestions to improve the educational experience.

Biggio Center Mid-Semester Electronic Feedback—BigMid

BigMid asks the same three questions in an electronic format. Students are sent an email from the Biggio Center requesting that they go to an attached URL and complete the feedback form. After a predetermined time, the responses are tallied and sent back to the instructor. Student responses are anonymous.

Based on past experience, BigMid works well with large enrollment classes where small group discussions may prove difficult to manage.

SGIF AND BigMid RESULTS ARE REPORTED ONLY TO THE INSTRUCTOR

The SGIF or BigMid should be conducted between weeks 4-8 of the semester. To schedule a feedback go to the Biggio Center's website before the fourth week of the semester and click on Services then Instructional Feedback and complete the online request form, providing all information requested there.

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