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TO: Jose Wudka, Chair
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Executive Committee, Bourns College of Engineering

RE: Review of the iEval Tool

The BCOE Executive Committee reviewed the iEval as a Tool to Collect Student Evaluations of Teaching: Current Issues and Possible Improvements.

The committee discussed the recommendations provided. Here is a summary of the discussions.

1. The committee was ambivalent on recommendation #1.
2. With respect to recommendation #2, the committee felt that it would penalize faculty for doing the best that they could do with the tools and electronic resources each assigned classroom provided. In other words, if a faculty member was assigned to a venue that lacked such equipment, the feedback obtained could possibly reflect poorly on that faculty member. These matters are really beyond a faculty member's control.
3. For recommendations 3-5, the committee was in agreement with each item.