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**TO:** Jose Wudka, Chair  
Academic Senate, Riverside Division

**FROM:** Iryna Ethell, Chair  
SOM FEC

**RE:** Changes to iEval

1. SOM FEC committee's recommendation is that a 5-point scale is sufficient to evaluate course and the instructor and there is no compelling evidence to change the evaluations to a 7-point scale. Committee voted in favor of shorter evaluations, but recommended to include better descriptors for the prompts. It's more important how the prompts are phrased and what are the distinctions between the numbers, which is more effective way to use the scale. However, some questions should be somewhat redundant and overlap (good way to gage if students are paying attention to the questions). The information should be used to determine whether students are engaged during the evaluation. SOM also uses a 5-point evaluation form with only 8 questions.
2. Committee agreed that questions about the use of supplemental materials are old and should be reworded taking into account technological advances in recent years.
3. Committee recommends keeping questions about student's attitude. In particular a question whether students attended class or learned the course material by viewing recorded lectures. The information should be used to filter the responses from students that did not attend the class regularly and therefore were not engaged in all activities.
4. Committee agreed to remove questions related to instructor's behavior.
5. Committee agreed that supplemental material questions (section D) should be removed.

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