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To Whom It May Concern:

Background and Position

The IT Student Governance Board (ITSGB) represents the CU student body within the AVC-IT governance structure. We are writing to express our views in regards to Faculty Course Questionnaires (FCQs).

We believe that FCQs should contain questions regarding the appropriate use of technology in the classroom. They should also contain questions addressing the use of websites for homework and out-of-classroom learning.

We hope that responses to these questions will promote appropriate use of technology in the classroom and will encourage faculty to fully consider the impact that technology has on the educational experience. This is because faculty’s appropriate use of technology in the classroom is essential to providing a well-rounded educational experience.

Recommendations

Our board, consisting of students from various majors and schools, believes that FCQs should contain one or more questions addressing faculty use of technology in the classroom or as part of homework assignments. We also request that data collected from any questions regarding technology are released publicly to all students in a manner similar to other FCQ questions.

Some example FCQ questions related to technology include:

- Rate your professor’s use of appropriate software and computer-related equipment in the course
- Rate the online learning management system usage for this course
- Rate the use of technology or interactive examples in assignments

Conclusion

We believe that following recommendation will give the University of Colorado Boulder a chance to gauge their faculty’s use of technology in the classroom. Due to information collected in our annual student surveys, we believe that questions related to technology on FCQs will significantly improve the student educational experience.
Request for Response

As an advisory group to the Office of the Associate Vice Chancellor for IT and Chief Information Officer, the ITSGB respectfully requests a response to this position statement, acknowledging receipt and consideration of the positions stated within.

Sincerely,

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