Biomedical Graduate Studies  
Access to Course Evaluations for Faculty Promotions  
FAQs

How are BGS courses and the teaching faculty evaluated?

BGS uses the University’s on-line course evaluation system to evaluate their courses and the faculty directing or teaching in that course.

How does someone obtain the course evaluation scores and comments for faculty for purposes of promotions or reappointments?

They should contact Colleen Dunn, BGS Curriculum Coordinator, at dunncoll@mail.med.upenn.edu or 898-2792. They will need to provide the name of the faculty, the course(s) they taught and the semester it was taught.

Where can they get the list of courses that the faculty member taught?

The faculty member up for promotion should provide that list. They should also each semester check their evaluations online through the U@Penn portal - https://medley.isc-seo.upenn.edu/penn_portal/u@penn.php and alert Colleen Dunn to any of their courses that don’t have evaluation results.

Are individual faculty lecturers evaluated along with the course directors?

Yes, however, individual lecturer evaluation data isn’t available through U@Penn, and therefore isn’t downloaded into the data warehouse. Lecturer evaluation data is downloaded directly from the vendor’s website by the curriculum coordinator.

Will BGS evaluation data be available through Hamster?

Yes, we anticipate BGS evaluation data being available through Hamster sometime in the next year.

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