MEMO

Date: January 28, 2016
To: University of Denver faculty, staff, and administrators
From: Institutional Research & Analysis
Subject: SmartEvals Online Course Evaluation Platform

We are pleased to announce that after consultation with faculty representatives and administrators, the University of Denver will begin using a new online course evaluation platform in Summer 2016. This new platform, SmartEvals, is a significant upgrade from our current system, Course Response, which is no longer being supported or developed by the vendor.

SmartEvals has a number of advantages over Course Response, including:

- An intuitive and robust interface to track response rates and review evaluation results;
- Complete integration with our primary learning management system, Canvas;
- Use of real-time enrollment data from the Office of the Registrar to ensure students are not able to complete evaluations for courses they have dropped;
- The ability for students to correct errors in submitted evaluations while the evaluation period is open (students occasionally score an instructor low when they intend the opposite); and
- A system and structure that allows faculty to be more engaged in the evaluation process.

The course evaluation process and the questions and formats currently used in the various forms across campus will remain unchanged in the new platform.

To prepare for the transition to SmartEvals, Casey Dinger, our course evaluation administrator, will:

- Meet with the Academic Planning Committee on January 29th to discuss the new platform.
- Send a notification email about the transition to faculty and deans.
- Meet with colleges and departments in Spring, Summer, and Fall on request to present the new platform and answer questions about it.
- Email instructions on how to access the new platform, add additional questions, and view evaluation results to instructors before and after course evaluation periods.

If you have any questions about the transition to SmartEvals, or to schedule a presentation on the new platform, please contact Casey Dinger at 303-871-3474 or casey.dinger@du.edu.