

Initiative Proposal

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Initiative: Anonymous Student Feedback.

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Initiative Description:

- Create a form (on a website) where students can submit (constructive) comments about their current professors and have it sent to them.

Current state of issue & current solution:

- As of now the only way a professor can be given feedback is either in person or at the end of the semester by means of the surveys distributed in class. The problem is that most students are not willing to tell their professor in person any issues they have with their teaching style, due to the fear that they might offend the professor. Also the surveys at the end of the semester only make changed for the following semester, this doesn't effectively help the students filling out the surveys.

Proposed solution:

- The solution would be to setup a website where students could anonymously send comments about their professors to them via a generic email address. The choice of using this tool would be up to the professors, only if they chose to enroll in this would their class be listed. No type of authentication would be required, thus making sure that the data was in no way attached to the student.

Resolution:

- This would effectively convey student opinions and suggestions to the professors about their teaching methods.

Associated costs and expenses for implementation:

- A server would be one of the top most requirements along with regular maintenance such as updating the class lists.

Estimated Timeline:

- Before starting on the programming, we just need to find out what server the website will be hosted on. It will take a few weeks (2-3) after that to get the website up and going in a 'beta' stage. After that professors will need to be convinced to use this service, and their class accounts will need to be created. Should be done by the end of this semester, ready for full use next semester, when we would heavily advertise it.
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