HHMI Biology FEST
Assessment Community Gathering #1
Tuesday, September 17th
12:30-2 pm
Learning From and Improving the Graduating Biology Majors Survey
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12:35 Discussion: What’s New in Classrooms?
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Goals for today…

• Familiarize ourselves with some preliminary findings from the Graduating Biology Majors Survey
• Brainstorm ideas for future Graduating Biology Majors Surveys
• Identify open-ended questions to include on Biology Department Student Evaluation
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Introductions and
What’s new in your classrooms?

Share at your table:

1. Your name...
2. What courses you are teaching this Fall
3. What ONE cool thing are you doing differently in your classroom?
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Table-Specific Packet for Discussion (like groups)

• Agree on 2-3 striking points that you will share with others…

then...

Count off and Jigsaw (not like groups)

• Each person will share the agreed upon points in new group….
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Updating the Graduating Biology Majors Survey:

Please list 3 things you would like us to ask the Graduating Biology Majors about:
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Current Student Evaluations Questions...

Part A: Evaluation of the Instructor

1. The instructor defined the course objectives, learning activities, requirements and grading policies clearly in the syllabus.
2. The course was organized in a way that helped my learning.
3. The instructor created experiences that stimulated my learning.
4. The instructor provided helpful and timely feedback on my performance and progress throughout the semester.
5. The instructor was open to a variety of points of view.
6. When I consider the contribution to my learning, this instructor’s teaching was effective.

Please list TWO open-ended questions you are interested in seeing on the Biology Department Student Evaluations
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Looking Forward

Biology FEST Journal Club
Tuesday, October 22, 12:30-2pm

Assessment Community Gathering #2
Tuesday, November 19, 12:30-2pm

Biology FEST Poster Session
Tuesday, December 10, 12:30-2pm
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Where we are in our Biology FEST plan…