MEMORANDUM

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TO: Deans, Department Heads, Chairs, Directors, and Faculty Members

FROM: Andrea J. Romero, Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs
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SUBJECT: Resumption of Student Course Surveys for Spring 2021 courses

Spring 2021 marks the third semester of teaching under pandemic conditions. The second COVID19 instructor survey from Fall 2020 indicates that overall there is growing comfort with remote teaching as compared to Spring 2020. Thus, in Spring 2021 we will return to regular procedures for collecting Student Course Surveys (SCS) for all instructors.

SCS data provide important insight into students’ experiences in our courses and insight into where to focus on growth for teaching excellence. In addition, they are a key component of our multi-modal process of evaluating teaching. We have added one new short-answer question: “Given the uncertainties of the pandemic situation, what factors supported or hindered your learning in this course?” Thus, we hope that the answers to this question help understand how the pandemic context influenced instruction and learning.

Instructors should work with their departmental administrators to ensure that SCS are ordered appropriately for courses. To learn more about the SCS, including the core items, adding questions, and deadlines for ordering, see the SCS website. For questions, please contact Becky Pérez in the Office of Instruction and Assessment, rperez@arizona.edu.