



April 7, 2020

To: Dylan Rodriguez, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Louis Santiago, Chair, Executive Committee
College of Natural and Agricultural Science

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Re: Suspension of iEval for Spring 2020

The CNAS Executive Committee discussed the Proposal for the Suspension of iEval for Spring 2020 today.

Most members of the committee thought that this was unnecessary and could potentially have negative impacts. Committee members thought that departments and CAP would be able to account for any irregularities and that all iEval results would be considered as anomalous for this quarter anyway, due to the abrupt move to remote instruction.

Some committee members thought that it should be on an opt in/opt out basis, while others questioned why anyone should be able to opt out. Others still were adamant that faculty should be allowed to continue iEval because they were putting in the extra effort and succeeding in providing an outstanding learning experience. They emphasized that this could be an important mechanism for acknowledging outstanding work.

There was a concern that students should not be denied the right to comment on how remote instruction is unfolding, and that their feedback would be important for summer online instruction, even if its use in merits and promotion cases was not valid. Some also stressed the importance of iEval for LPSOEs.

Finally, there was a thought that iEval could be tailored to be more meaningful in this anomalous remote instruction situation.