

## **Strengths of Instruction Listed in a Sample of 30 Faculty MidSemester Evaluations Responses HSU, Academic Year 2002-2003**

Note: The number in parenthesis indicates the number of separate MidSemester Evaluations in which the particular comment appeared. Comments with no number in parenthesis appeared once.

### **Characteristics of the Professor**

- Knowledgeable (24)
- Available (19)
- Approachable (15)
- "Important to him/her that we learn" (15)
- Extra office hours (12)
- Flexible (7)
- "Born to teach" (5)
- Empathetic (4)
- Encouraging (3)
- Patient (3)
- Respects students (3)
- Still learning from students (3)
- Admits mistakes
- Creative
- Good attitude
- Great role model
- Honest, constructive
- Interested in helping
- Nurturing

### **Good Atmosphere (9)**

- Friendly
- Relaxed
- Sense of community

### **Lecture Style**

- High energy, enthusiastic, passionate, inspiring (21)
- Entertaining (sense of humor) (10)
- Good explanations (10)
- Good discussion (8)
- Good group interaction (6) (small groups)
- Encourages participation (5)
- Good pace (5)
- Variety of approaches (5)
- Encourages use of imagination (3)
- Engages students
- Expectations clear
- Explains step-by-step
- Focus on students' individual needs

- Knows names
- Reaches different learning styles
- Validates our opinions

### **Organization (15)**

- Well organized

### **Content**

- Good textbook (10)
- Good food (9)
- Good overheads, visuals or videos (5)
- Guest speakers(3)
- Current (2)
- Creative assignments
- Good examples
- Good hands-on experience
- Good resources
- Includes personal experience
- Includes different cultures besides the U.S.
- Interesting
- Reserve materials on line or notes on the internet Varied content

### **Good Homework Policy**

- Can use journals on the tests
- Goes over homework in class
- Just enough assigned
- Regular homework

### **Structure**

- Helpful TA (3)
- Small class size (3)
- Follows the book
- Lectures & readings coincide

### **Testing**

- Study Guide (11)
- Fair tests and quizzes (7)
- In class review (6)
- Good feedback on work (5)
- Good, representative exams (3)
- Practice tests (2)