December 2011

Dear Graduate Admissions Committee:

At the request of Maggie McHugh, a prospective candidate for your Doctoral Program in Curriculum and Instruction, I have compiled a summary of Maggie's Student Evaluations of Instructions (SEI). The information below contains both quantitative data of Maggie's instructional practices as well as qualitative comments written by her students from three sections of MTH 051: Topics in Intermediate Algebra.

Quantitative Data

This data records the number of student responses in the appropriate category. The Fractional Median is on a 5 point scale. The overall fractional median for question 6 for the Mathematics Department was 4.2, with a high of 4.8 and a low of 2.8. We use the results from this question for our retention and promotion review of our faculty.

UW-La Crosse Mathematics Department
Student Evaluation of Instruction
Fall 2011

Instructor Summary:	Course and Section McHugh*					
	Strongly Agree	**Agree**	**No Opinion**	**Disagree**	**Strongly Disagree**	**Fractional Median**
I was looking forward to taking this course.	6	13	19	38	22	**2.211**
The instructor was helpful to students.	60	33	3	1	1	**4.683**
The instructor was well prepared.	44	41	5	6	2	**4.378**
The instructor communicated the subject matter clearly.	51	35	6	5	1	**4.539**
I learned a great deal from this instructor.	43	31	16	7	1	**4.306**
Overall, this instructor was excellent.	49	32	9	7	1	**4.500**
The instructor routinely meets class for the entire scheduled period with either no or very few canceled (not made up) classes.	74	19	3	0	0	**4.851**
The instructor is willing to give additional time and help to students outside of class.	72	21	5	0	0	**4.819**
The instructor shows enthusiasm for teaching.	81	14	3	0	0	**4.895**
The instructor stimulates and expects students to think on their own.	47	45	4	1	0	**4.467**
The instructor makes good use of class time, efficiently presenting both routine and more demanding material at the pace appropriate for each.	54	31	8	5	0	**4.593**
The instructor expects and requires a high level of student effort.	37	46	11	3	0	**4.250**
The instructor and the course syllabus clearly describe the grading policy.	59	34	4	0	0	**4.678**
The instructor provided enough feedback so that I was aware of the grade I was earning throughout the semester.	48	36	9	3	0	**4.500**
The instructor gives exams that are thorough and challenging, requiring a high level of preparation outside of class.	45	40	9	3	1	**4.400**
The instructor gives fair exams that are appropriate in length, level of difficulty and type of questions and which provide a well prepared student...	41	39	8	8	1	**4.308**
The instructor graded and returned the exams and other required submitted assignments in a timely manner.	42	49	3	3	0	**4.367**

Qualitative Data

These are just a few comments written by students regarding Maggie. I have typed these comments exactly as the student wrote them, so there may be grammatical or syntax errors.

"Maggie McHugh was an excellent teacher. I looked forward to going to class each and everyday. She wants her students to succeed and is always offering help to meet those needs for students."

"I thought that Maggie was an excellent teacher. In majority of my classes the teachers are very monotone and serious, whereas with Maggie she was very energetic and took the time to make us laugh and help relate the material. She was very helpful with any of the assignments or projects that we had a question on."

"I personal was dreading a math class. I haven't taken a math class sing high school (7 years ago). I was however pleasantly surprised by how well I did in the class. Maggie was able to explain everything quite well, where i was able to understand. She also listened to the class feedback and reviewed things again that we were having problems with."

"Maggie was/is an excellent teacher. She teaches the material very well and makes sure we students understand the material. If you are struggling with a section she is more than willing to help you during her office hours or set up an appointment to meet and discuss your problems. Very enthusiastic about teaching and cares for your success."

If you have any further questions regarding these evaluations, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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