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Mr./Ms Brian Morsony

## Survey Evaluation Results

Dear Mr./Dear Ms Morsony,

In the attachment you will find the evaluation results of the survey Descriptive Astronomy.

In AY 2017-2018, according to 20/AS/18/FAC, the Ad Hoc Committee on Student Opinions of Instruction Surveys “was formed ‘to consider the ramifications, and make recommendations, concerning the announced move by IDEA to eliminate paper survey instruments in favor of online-only instruments for student opinion of instruction.’ The Ad Hoc Committee’s recommendations, in summary, include: dispensing with IDEA as our survey instrument; replacing it with a campus-based instrument that is designed, reviewed and modified as necessary through the faculty governance process (with Faculty Affairs Committee taking primary responsibility for these tasks, in consultation with other appropriate parties); that this campus-based instrument be implemented and analyzed at the campus level as well; and that such a survey instrument, once implemented, be clearly understood as only one component of the process of reviewing faculty members’ teaching performance (as specified under Article 15 of the CBA).”

Consistent with those committee recommendations, the Student Perceptions of Teaching and Learning (SPOT) Survey, which has received both Senate and Presidential approval, will replace the current teaching evaluation instrument (IDEA) beginning this fall (2019). The statements and questions to which students will respond are new. In addition, unlike IDEA, the new SPOT survey is not nationally normed. Only CSU Stanislaus students will respond to this instrument.

This means that half of the courses surveyed will be below the median scores. In view of the novelty of this instrument, departments are urged to review their RPT elaborations and update them as necessary. Also, faculty members preparing WPAFs are encouraged to include additional methods/instruments of assessing student perceptions of teaching, take advantage of SPOT training sessions that will be organized by the FDC this academic year, and consult with the other faculty members of their department regarding this important component of WPAF preparation. Lastly, the URPTC and the Academic Senate discourages those reviewing files from making personnel decisions solely or primarily based on the teaching assessment reports derived from SPOT. The new instrument will enable the collection of useful information, but it is important to understand that information in the context of the new approach to soliciting student perceptions on teaching.

### INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO READ REPORT:

The overall indicator is followed by the individual average values of the scales.  
In the second part of the analysis, the average values of all individual questions are listed.

If you have any further questions do not hesitate to contact the Academic Senate Office.

Thank you.

# Brian Morsony

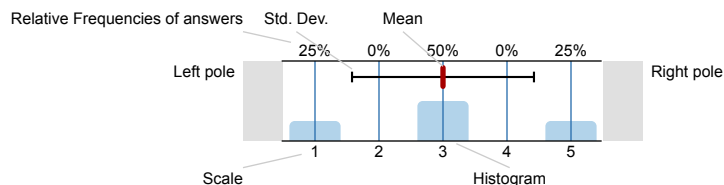
Descriptive Astronomy (ASTR2100-001)  
No. of responses = 11



## Survey Results

### Legend

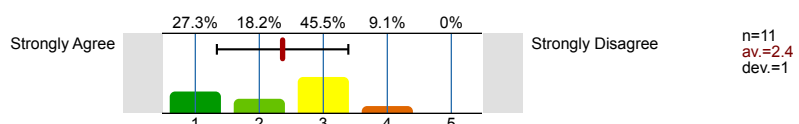
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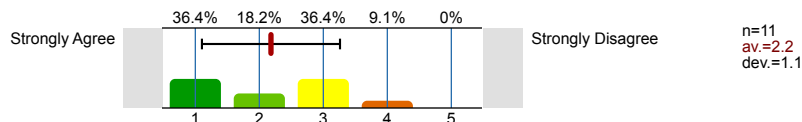
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av.=Mean  
dev.=Std. Dev.  
ab.=Abstention

### 1. About the Course and Instructor....

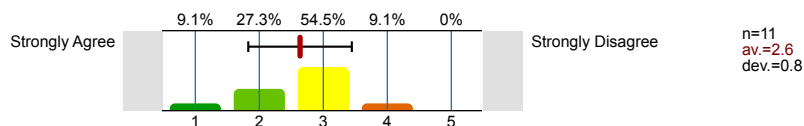
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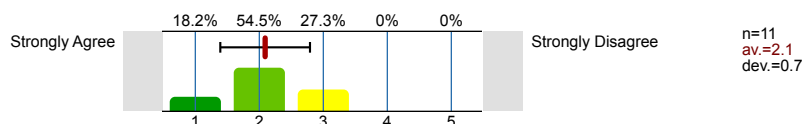
- 1.2) Activities contributed to my learning (ex: group work, discussion, presentations, field work/trips, etc.)



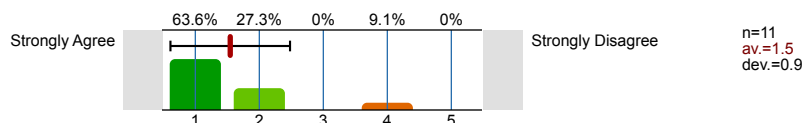
- 1.3) The instructor provided feedback that supported my learning



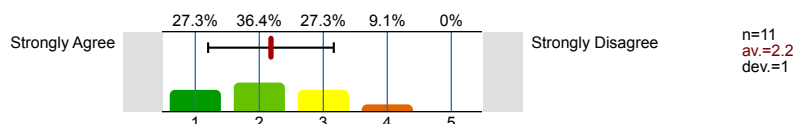
- 1.4) The instructor offered timely responses to questions and concerns



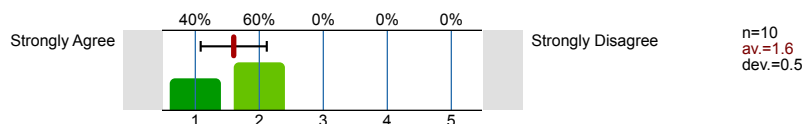
- 1.5) The instructor encouraged communication among class members



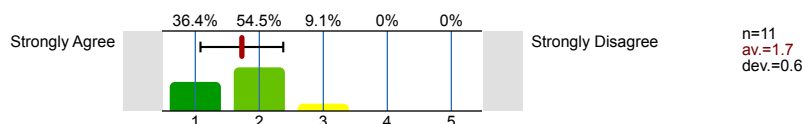
- 1.6) The instructor communicated concepts clearly



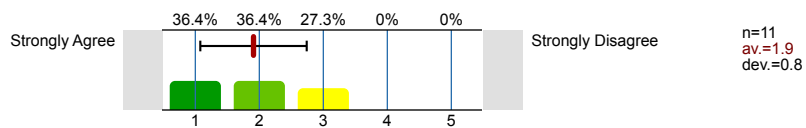
- 1.7) Course requirements, procedures, and expectations are clearly stated in the syllabus



- 1.8) The grading criteria for this course were clearly defined



1.9) The grading criteria for this course were clearly applied



# Profile

Subunit: Fall 2021 College of Science (COS)

Name of the instructor: Brian Morsony

Name of the course: Descriptive Astronomy  
(Name of the survey)

Values used in the profile line: Mean

## 1. About the Course and Instructor....

1.1) Assignments contributed to my learning (ex: research papers, homework, etc.)	Strongly Agree					Strongly Disagree	n=11	av.=2.4	md=3.0	dev.=1.0
1.2) Activities contributed to my learning (ex: group work, discussion, presentations, field work/ trips, etc.)	Strongly Agree					Strongly Disagree	n=11	av.=2.2	md=2.0	dev.=1.1
1.3) The instructor provided feedback that supported my learning	Strongly Agree					Strongly Disagree	n=11	av.=2.6	md=3.0	dev.=0.8
1.4) The instructor offered timely responses to questions and concerns	Strongly Agree					Strongly Disagree	n=11	av.=2.1	md=2.0	dev.=0.7
1.5) The instructor encouraged communication among class members	Strongly Agree					Strongly Disagree	n=11	av.=1.5	md=1.0	dev.=0.9
1.6) The instructor communicated concepts clearly	Strongly Agree					Strongly Disagree	n=11	av.=2.2	md=2.0	dev.=1.0
1.7) Course requirements, procedures, and expectations are clearly stated in the syllabus	Strongly Agree					Strongly Disagree	n=10	av.=1.6	md=2.0	dev.=0.5
1.8) The grading criteria for this course were clearly defined	Strongly Agree					Strongly Disagree	n=11	av.=1.7	md=2.0	dev.=0.6
1.9) The grading criteria for this course were clearly applied	Strongly Agree					Strongly Disagree	n=11	av.=1.9	md=2.0	dev.=0.8

# Comments Report

## 1. About the Course and Instructor....

1.10) What expectations did you have going into this course?

- I expected that this would be an introductory course to Astronomy, since that's what it's called. That it would be learning about each of the planets, the moon, the sun, and stars in a simple way. It was way harder and not easy to understand.
- I expected us to have quizzes
- I had expected a lot of textbook reading.
- I honestly was not sure what to expect.
- I thought I was going to learn a lot about astronomy.
- Papers and assignments being graded on time
- That I had to be on time with class work & homework. Dedication is a must & communication with peers is a plus.
- To learn more about astronomy and the sky.
- more zodiac stuff

1.11) What contributed most to your learning in this course?

- How to manage group assignments.
- Hw and projects
- My fellow classmates all working together to figure things out.
- My group helped me a lot. On worksheets that we were to complete as a group we were always confused so we would work together and they were great! We didn't always end up understanding but I'm thankful I had a group!
- The activities on Pearson contributed most.
- The lectures
- The recorded lectures.
- The zoom calls and videos
- lectures

1.12) What grade did you expect to get in this course?

- A (2 Counts)
- A or B
- A-
- B (3 Counts)
- B or C
- B+
- Not sure

1.13) What additional comments or feedback would you like to offer this instructor

- Calculating your own grade is hard so i would suggest to grade everything on canvas overall and on time to see the overall true grade
- Explain the projects better, a lot of students had trouble with understanding the two projects assigned.

- I felt that the lectures did not assist in completing the homework and/or lectures. I would watch the lectures, and then go to the worksheets and there would be calculations we would have to make through some sort of formula or such that was not taught to us in the lectures. I would've appreciated being taught how to do the math for the worksheets and homework before being assigned to them that way we would've actually known how to calculate them before being assigned to them.
- I would recommend rearranging the load of homework, as sometimes giving out too much homework leads the students to focus less on the actual material because he/she is just trying to turn in things and not really learn anything.
- N/A (2 Counts)
- Thank you for your help and enthusiasm in astronomy. I enjoyed your class. The one thing I would change is that all the tests and homework sometimes got overwhelming. Other than that it was a great class. Thank you.
- You did a great job :) Projects were kind of scary though