

**Office of Academic Innovation**

Post Office Box 751      503-725-5642 tel  
Portland, Oregon 97207-0751      www.pdx.edu/oai

October 20, 2017

To: Lindsay Holden  
Re: Summary of mid-quarter feedback session

Dear Lindsay,

Thank you for inviting me to facilitate a Mid-quarter Review with your students. This letter summarizes students' feedback, organized in themes that emerged from their comments.

If you would like to schedule a time to meet to discuss how you might interpret this feedback and use it to make adjustments in your course, I would be glad to set up a meeting. Let me know if there's a good time in the next couple weeks.

**What about this course is helping you to learn?***Laboratory Slides/Lecture Content*

- Provide a deeper understanding of concepts
- Provide clear expectations of lab procedures and expectations
- Are succinct
- The slides provide more effective explanations than the lab manual

*Quizzes/Assessment*

- The quizzes ensure the reinforcement of concepts presented in lecture
- The chapter quizzes before lab help highlight key concepts

*Faculty Support*

- Willing to help students throughout the lab to eliminate confusion and frustration
- Provides good feedback on work
- Faculty is passionate and approachable
- Approach students to check in and provide explanations where needed

**What about this course could be changed?***Use of class time*

- Laboratory procedures could be more engaging (i.e. less stand by between steps)
- More options in laboratory to deepen the thinking (i.e. like the first lab with more things to observe)

*Content*

- Laboratory manual or methodology is confusing.
- Be more direct on what to do in the lab and the steps

**What specific suggestions do you have to bring about those changes?***Use of class time*

- Structure the laboratory with less waiting time
- Include additional options

- Avoid long winded explanations of simple concepts

*Content*

- It would be helpful if the laboratory manual or methods be better organized
- Revision of laboratory manual and certain addendums

I hope this gives you some initial insights into this particular class, and I look forward to working with you to further discuss the implications of this feedback.

Best,

*Jaime R Wood*

Jaime R. Wood, M.A., M.F.A.

Teaching Associate, Teaching Learning, and Assessment  
Office of Academic Innovation