Orientation to the new course evaluation platform for Directors of Undergraduate Study and Staff

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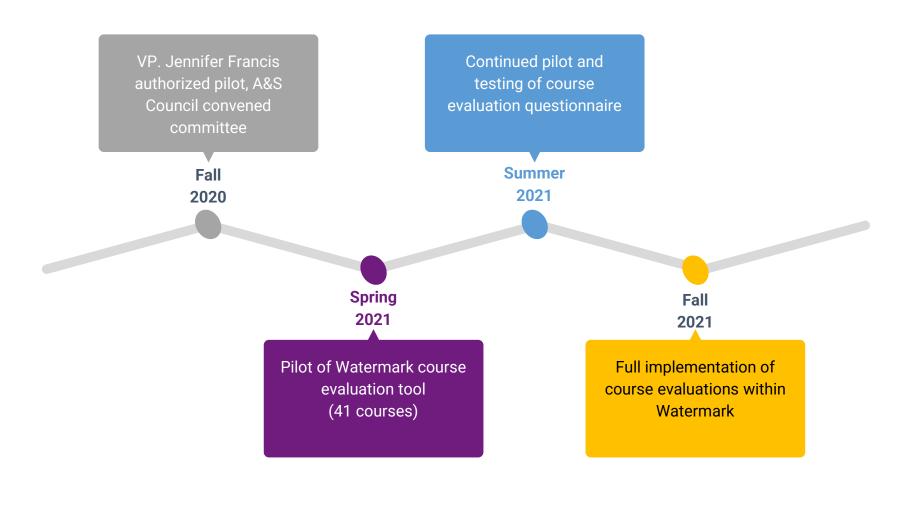
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**Pilot Participants** 

# Agenda

- What is Watermark?
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  - Custom Questions
  - Administration
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  - SACES
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# Warning!



- EvaluationKit is rebranding to Watermark Course Evaluations and Surveys (CES)!
- In the meantime, look for inconsistent naming conventions.
- To further confuse you, we're calling the new platform "Watermark"

# Access

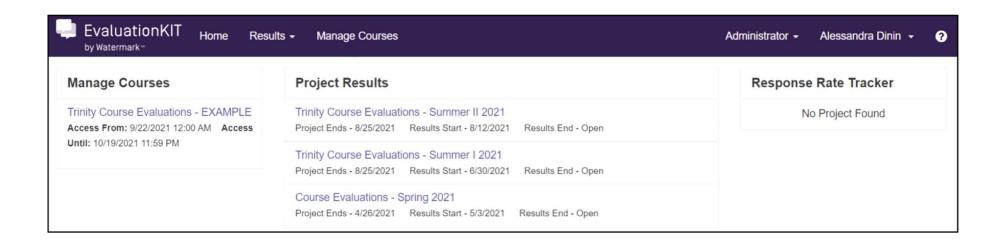
# Points of access:

- duke.evaluationkit.com
- Emails
- DukeHub

# Who has access?

- Department administrators (<u>http://bit.ly/CE\_access</u>)
- Instructors
- Students

# Navigation

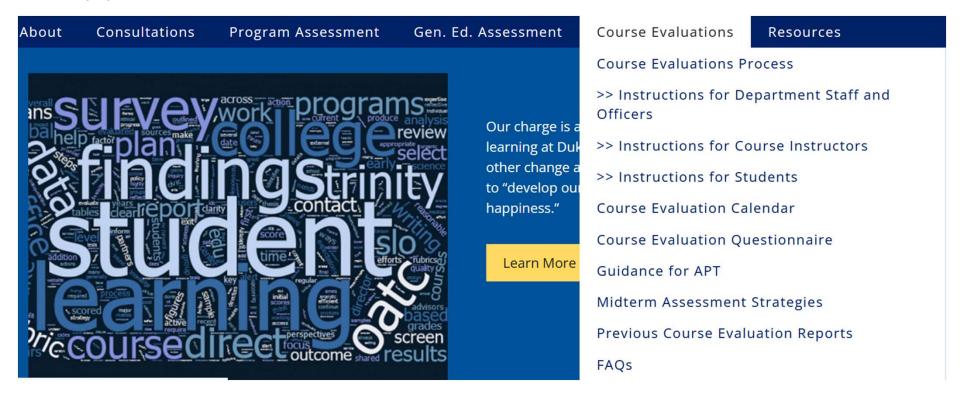


# Support

Watermark Help Center – upper right corner of account



# Support



https://assessment.trinity.duke.edu/course-evaluations-process

# Support

#### **Current Calendar**

Fall 2021	
October 18	Course review window begins - Departments
November 1	Course review window ends - Departments
November 8	Custom Question set-up window begins - Instructors
November 22	Custom Question set-up window ends - Instructors
November 23	General evaluation window begins*
December 3	Undergraduate classes end
December 6	Evaluation window ends
December TBD	Distribution of evaluation reports - once 95% of grades have been submitted
February 1	SACES selection deadline for Fall 2021

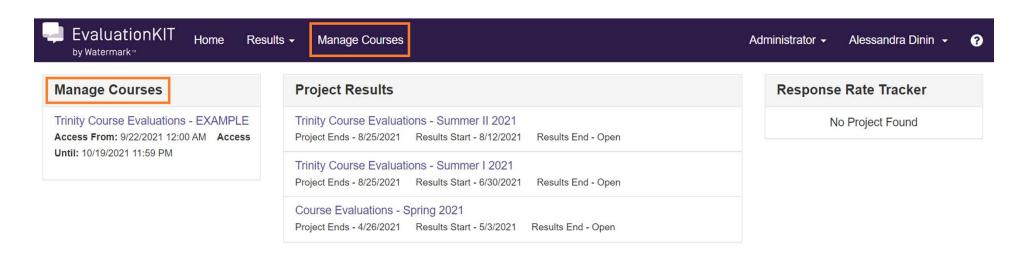
<sup>\*</sup>Courses operating on a different schedule will be evaluated in a window reflexive of their course end date.

https://assessment.trinity.duke.edu/current-course-evaluation-calendar

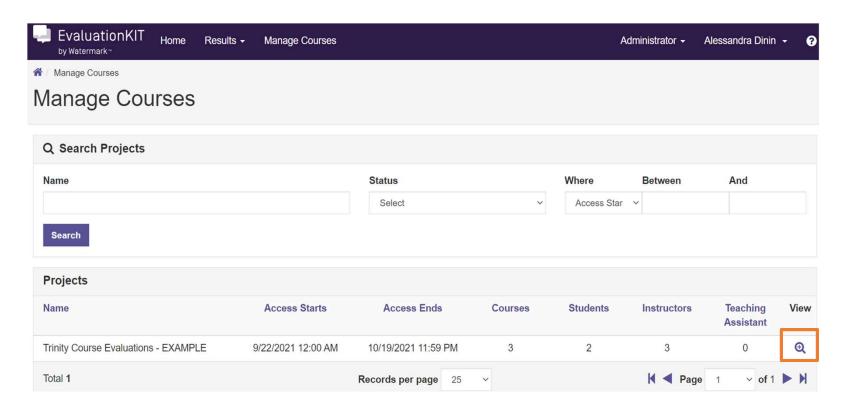
# Course Review

- 2-week window: October 18<sup>th</sup> November 1<sup>st</sup>
- Review course lists, make edits as needed, such as,
  - add/edit instructor information
  - remove courses or components
- Policy updates:
  - all courses uploaded now, regardless of class size, but results will be withheld from instructors where course has fewer than 5 students enrolled;
  - graduate level course evaluations supported by the Graduate School

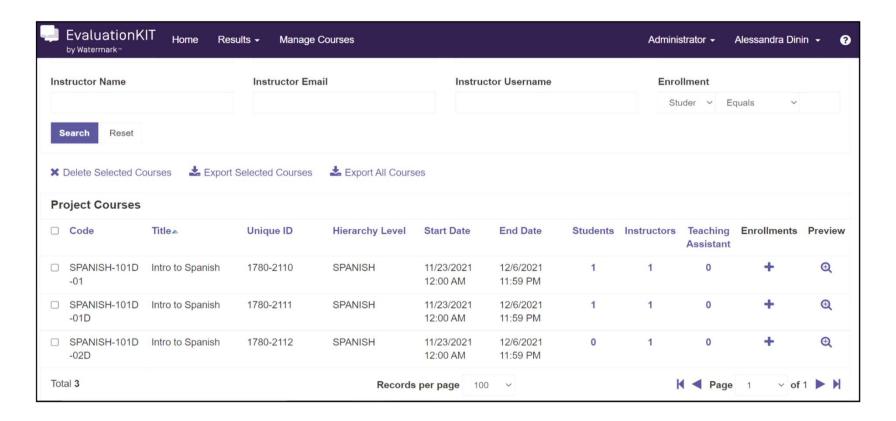
## Course Review



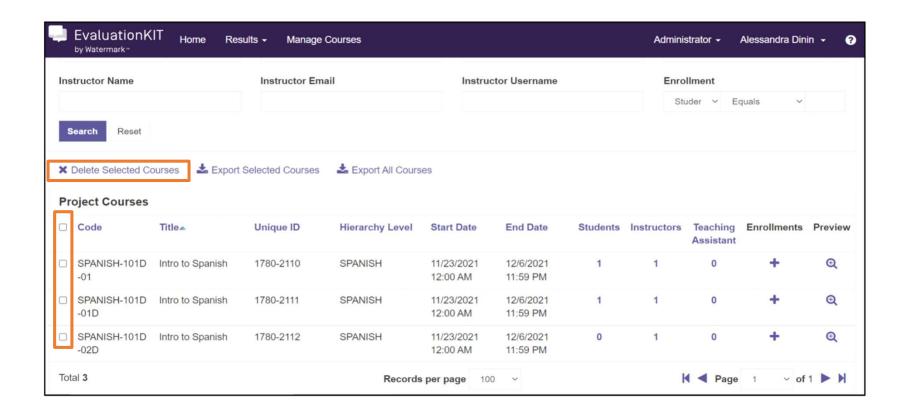
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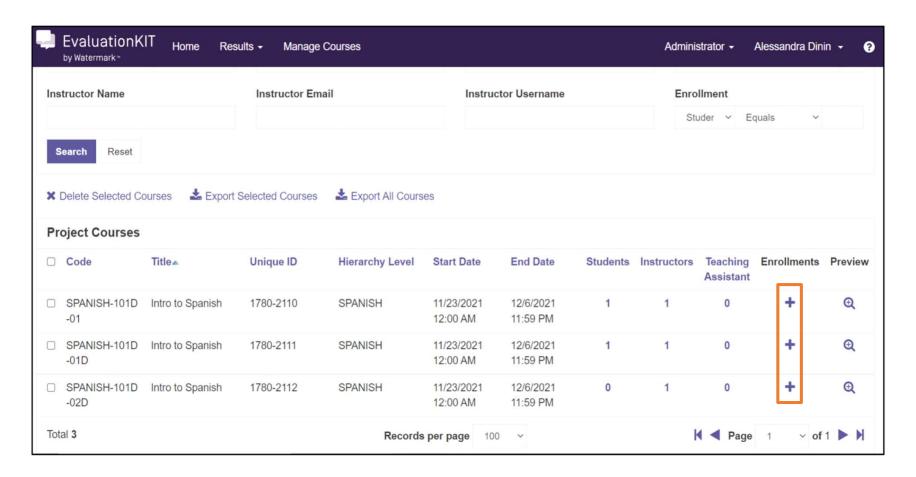
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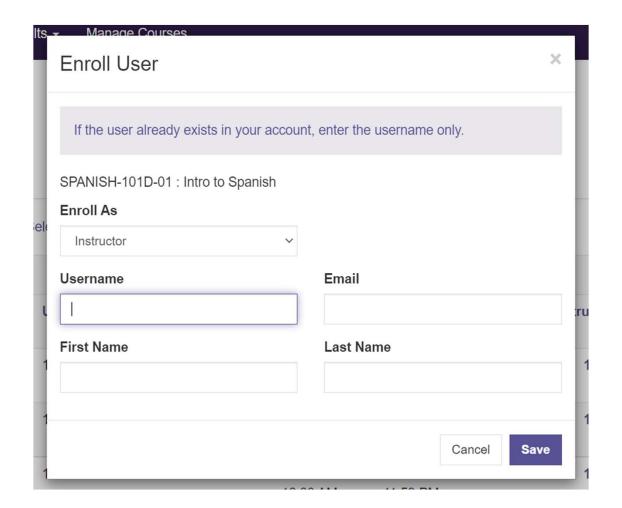


### Course Review - Remove unwanted courses or sections

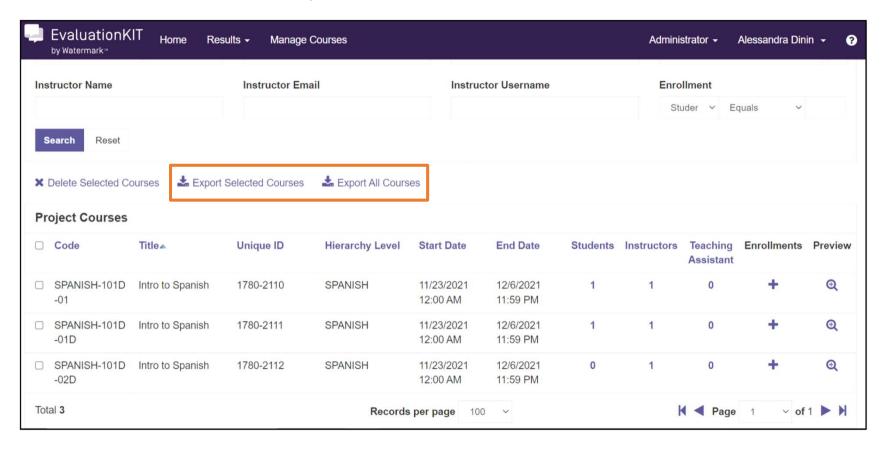


## Course Review - Enrollments changes (add instructors or TAs)





# Course Review - Export course list



# Custom Questions



These are optional!



2-week window for set-up: November 8<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>

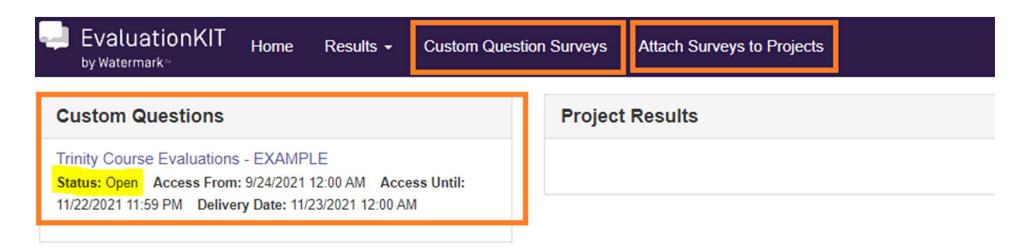


Instructors will have access to customize survey for their course(s) by adding their own **custom questions** or selecting questions from the **question bank** 



Email messages will be sent out with current questionnaire and instructions

# **Custom Questions**



# Administration

Course evaluation windows continue to be reflexive of course end dates in DukeHub, the general window is November 23<sup>rd</sup> - December 6<sup>th</sup>

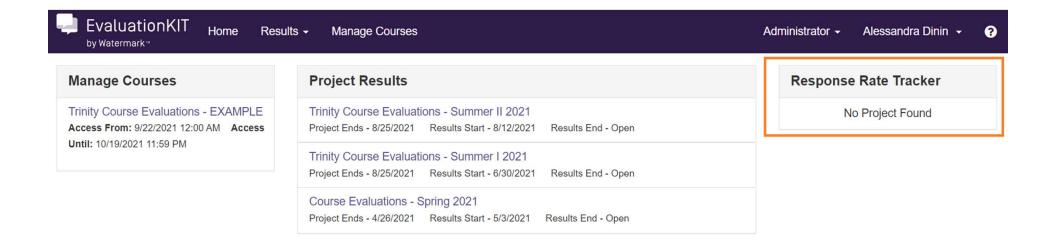
#### Emails, emails!

All emails will include links to the course evaluation platform and course specific dates (end of course evaluation windows)

Now, departments can see course evaluation return rates live

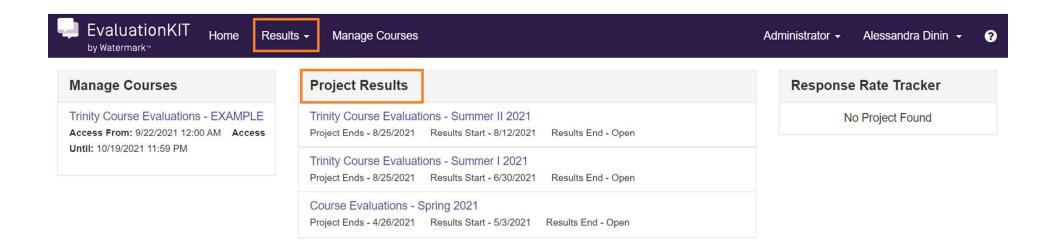


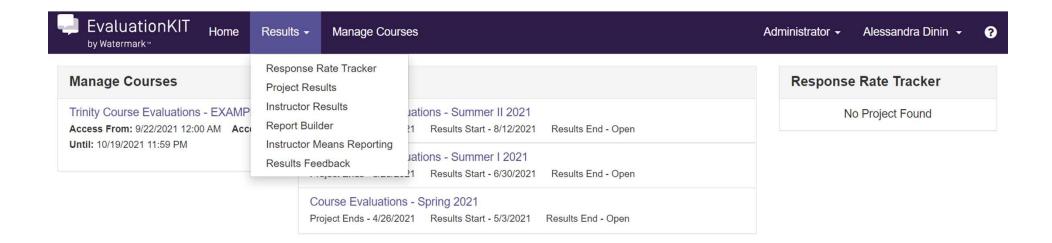
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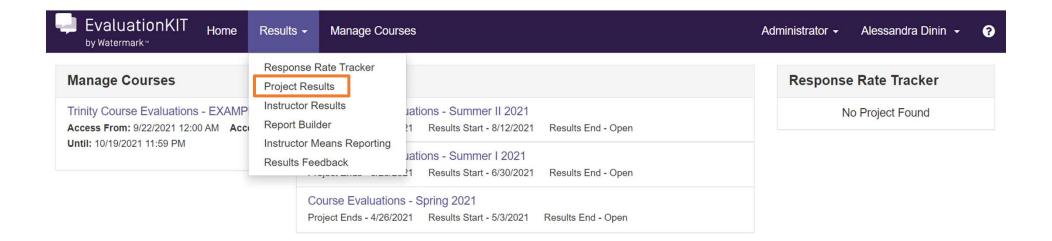


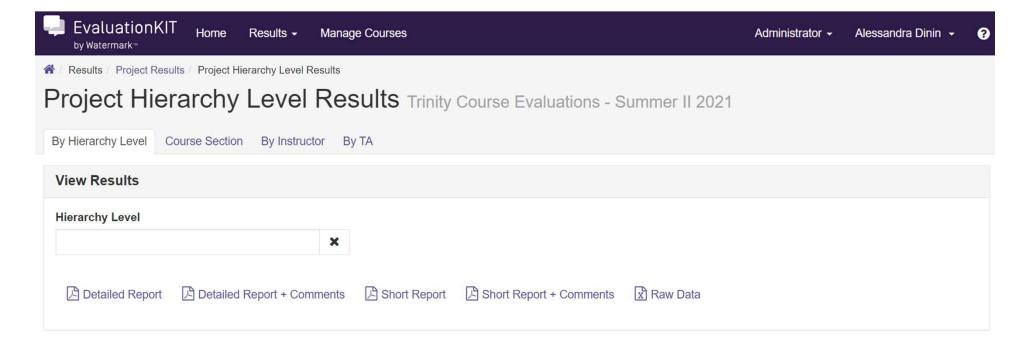
Watermark compiles the results automatically, however, Trinity College will not release the reports to instructors and staff until 95% of all Trinity College final grades are submitted (TBD in December)

Email notifications will be sent to departments and instructors, which include links to results









#### Key for user access:

- F = Faculty
- D = Department leadership
- S = Student
- T = Teaching assistant
- A = Administration (deans, provost)

Question	[F]	[D]	[S]	m	[A]
Your level of engagement with the course was		D		Т	Α
What knowledge, methods, skills, insights, or ways of thinking did you develop in this course? Please describe three specific things you learned.	F	D	S	T	Α
Reflecting on the overall learning environment of this class, in what ways did the instructors and the structure or components of the course facilitate your learning? Are there specific course components or methods of instruction you'd keep for future years?		D	S	Т	A
What might improve the course? Are there specific course components or methods of instruction you'd change for future years? Did anything in particular impede a positive learning environment?				T	
The course was intellectually stimulating. It made me think in new ways, encouraged me to adopt different points of view, or challenged me to develop new skills.		D	S	Т	Α

# Student Accessible Course Evaluation System (SACES)

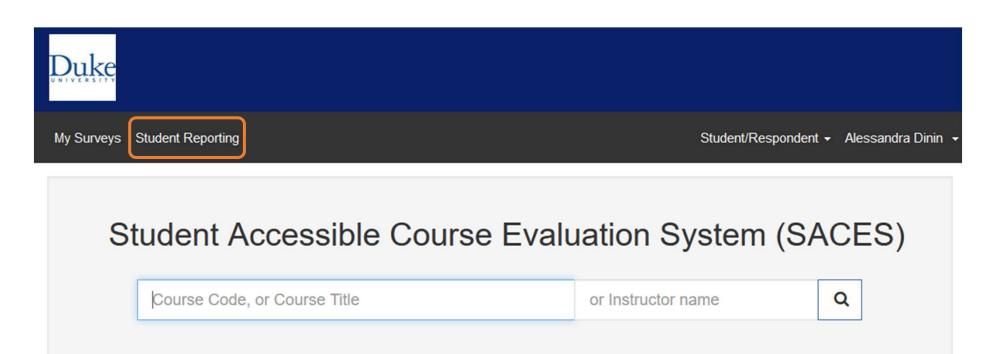
#### Archived reports in Tableau (prior to Summer 2021)

- These results represent where instructors opted-in to sharing their course evaluation results. Instructors who chose not to opt-in to the SACES system will not appear in these tables.
- These data are no longer being updated (instructors can no longer opt-in to sharing course evaluation results prior to Summer 2021).

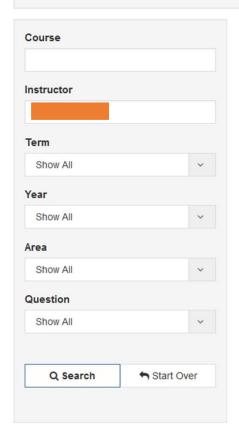
#### Current reporting in Watermark

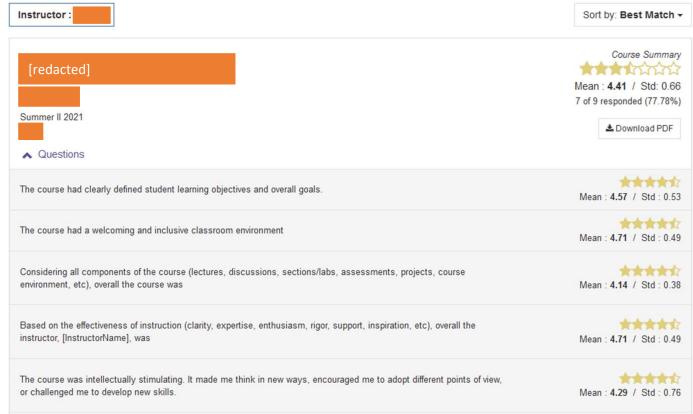
- Searchable function in Watermark system
- Arts & Sciences Council is discussing changing to a default opt-in, where instructors will have to take additional steps to opt-out of sharing their results
- Now instructors can only make their SACES selections for a short time following the end of the semester. The deadline to make selections for...
  - Fall course evaluation results is February 1st
  - Spring and Summer course evaluation results is September 1st

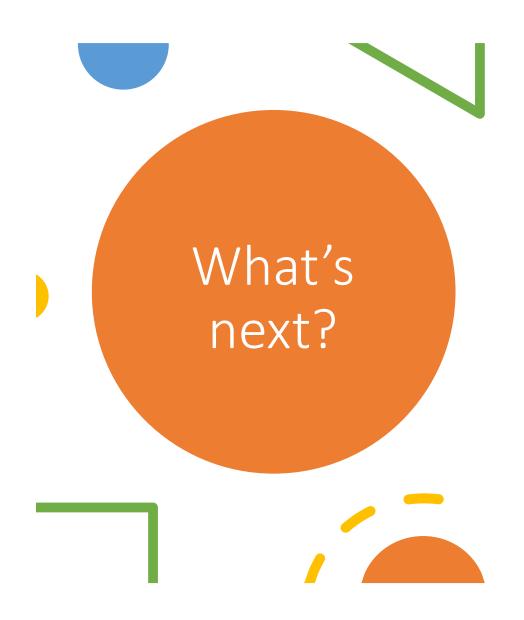
### **SACES**



### Student Accessible Course Evaluation System (SACES)







**Arts & Sciences Council votes** 

Regardless of the vote, we are committed to the Watermark platform

Trinity College was the first school to pilot course evaluations within this new enterprise platform. We continue to grow relationships with and support other schools with their transition to Watermark, especially with our resources on our website and in Qualtrics

# What's next? Office Hours - Course list review

#### Monday, October 25, 9:00-11:00 am

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#### Wednesday, October 27, 1:00-3:00 pm

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