

## Group Instructional Feedback Technique (GIFT)

GIFT is a method that encourages students to identify what's helping them learn. Through small group discussions students give feedback about what is helping them learn and offer suggestions to strengthen or improve the course. The process is most effective between the fourth and sixth week of the term. Questions? Call the Opportunity Center at 503 399-5232.

### How the method works

1. Contact the Opportunity Center to arrange for a GIFT. A facilitator will be assigned.
2. Your facilitator will work with you to arrange time, place, and to answer questions.
3. Your facilitator will visit your class to explain the process and benefits.
4. The facilitator will divide your class into groups of 3-4 and ask them to discuss strengths, needed improvements, and specific suggestions for course change. The process takes about 30 minutes.
5. Your facilitator will synthesize class results and summarize.
6. You and your facilitator will go over the results.
7. You and your class will review the results and discuss changes that may be made.

### Benefits

- Changes can be made in a course before the term is over.
- Opens and strengthens communication between you and your students.
- Clears up possible misconceptions about the course.
- Helps explain methods and reasoning used in your course.
- Builds faculty support relationships.
- Gives your students some responsibility for outcome of course.
- Tends to increase student motivation in course as students see your interest in instruction.

### GIFT Request Form

Yes, I would like to participate in the GIFT process. Please arrange for a GIFT facilitator for the following class(es):

Please Indicate the term -  Fall       Winter       Spring

Instructor: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Course(s)	Class Days/Time	Class Location	Requested Date(s)

NOTE: Facilitators are assigned from the list below according to their schedule availability. We will try to honor requests for a specific facilitator. **All requests must be received at least two weeks prior to the requested date.**

I would specifically like \_\_\_\_\_ to be my facilitator.

#### Available Facilitators

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|------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Bill Klein             | Kim Martin                | Phyllis Leonard    |
| Bob Leroy              | Linda Craven              | Randy Fishfader    |
| Chris Nord             | Linda Herrera             | Robin Roach York   |
| Donna Bernhisel        | Lorna TenEyck             | Rod Harris         |
| Eva Payne              | Louanne Whitton           | Sally Beck         |
| Gary Fallow            | Mark Rediske              | Steve Slemenda     |
| Gary Roelofs           | Marjorie Ferry            | Suzanne McLaughlin |
| Glen Miller            | Maureen McGlynn           | Tammy Jabin        |
| Jannie Crossler-Laird  | Michele Dishong-McCormack | Taylor Marrow      |
| Jerry Graham           | Mike Peterson             | Terri Wenzig       |
| Jill Ward              | Monica Willis             |                    |
| Kathe Allison          | Patricia Antoine          |                    |
| Kay Bunnenberg-Boehmer | Patrick Williams          |                    |

RETURN COMPLETED REQUEST TO: The Opportunity Center, Salem Campus Bldg. 9, Rm. 104.