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**TO:** Scott Nowicki  
**FROM:** Dr. Lynn Lalko, Evaluator  
**DATE:** April 8, 2000  
**SUBJECT:** CLASS VISIT AND STUDENT COMMENTS

The following is a summary of the student evaluations from the following class:

Course: **GLG101, Section #: 7403, and date: April 8, 2000**

Number of students responding: **8**

**Things the teacher has done well (Student Comments):**

Very knowledgeable; approachable; is interested in answering any questions about material & is able to answer side questions because he understands material thoroughly; funny & enjoyable personality.

I felt that the instructor explained the materials in fill detail. He has helped us to understand difficult scientific terms. He has a great enthusiasm for geology.

Explains every thing well, answers questions, makes the class interesting & breaks up the lecture with slides & other visual aids. Good communication skills! He is nice about helping when you have questions.

Covered material extremely well and showed intense knowledge. Made plenty of time available for questions, organized time in a resonable manner.

Provides good visual aides, progressive timeline for study, good periodic review technique, logical notes.

He has done a very good at visually explaining all geogolical structures to us. I'm an elem. ed. major & this has helped me understand what is a very technical science in a very clear manner. He also encourages & answers our questions. He's very good. I have thoroughly enjoyed this course!

Helped me understand the basics of geology.

**Things instructor could do to improve the course (Student comments):**

Begining of course could have flowed a bit better & information was presented a bit choppy – which is to say the big picture not presented initially so the pieces of the puzzle didn't make as much sense, however, after 1<sup>st</sup> few classes this was no longer an issue for the most part.

I feel that he could write more on the board of explanations for the visual learners in class. I would also like to go on more field trips to see and understand the earths surface.

Too much material being covered to go into great detail – the course basically only scratches the surface of a too – broad range of topics.

Could use a through instruction in lab science.

I believe that he has done superb and can not improve anything.  
Smetimes hard to follow verbally, but good compensation with written notes.

Nothing.

Maybe some more hands on activities.

**Adjunct Faculty Evaluation**  
Please comment where appropriate

Course No.: **GLG101** Section: **7403**  
Department: **Mathematic & Science**  
Date of visit: **04/08/00**

Title: **Physical Geology** Instructor: **Scott Nowicki**  
Number of students in class when observed: **8**

Rating Scale:	1. Effective	2. Adequate	3. Ineffective	4. Not Observed
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**Command of Subject**

- 1 1. Demonstrates command of subject matter.

Comments: **Instructor is master of the subject matter.**

**Organization and Clarity**

- 4 2. Informs students of class period objectives
- 1 3. Uses an effective and appropriate method of presentation
- 1 4. Integrates concepts with facts and/or examples
- 1 5. Gives clear explanations
- 2 6. Uses timely summaries and/or review
- 1 7. Uses class time appropriately
- 4 8. Provides clear assignments

Comments: **Good use of overheads and maps and slides.**

**Interactions with Class or Group(s)**

- 1 9. Creates a pleasant, positive, and cooperative atmosphere
- 1 10. Answers questions precisely
- 1 11. Encourages pertinent discussion, if appropriate
- 1 12. Treats students with respect

**Interactions with Class or Group(s) continued**

- 1 13. Demonstrates skill in facilitating class and/or group participation, interaction and cohesiveness
- 2 14. Seeks to identify students' points of confusion

Comments: **Class is relatively passive, but there is give & take. Instructor quizzes class, class members, question instructor.**

**Presentation**

- 1 15. Demonstrates enthusiasm for teaching and subject matter
- 1 16. Speaks audibly and clearly

Comments: **Instructor obviously likes subject & speaks clearly.**

**Instructor/Student Expectations**

- 1 17. Teaches content appropriate for college level
- 1 18. Expects that students remain on task during class

Comments: **None**

Scott Nowick

GLG 101

4/8/00

Paradise Valley Community College

### Student Evaluation of Faculty

**PLEASE DO NOT WRITE ON THIS SHEET**

Use the answer sheet provided to mark your desired response.

a = effective	b = adequate	c = ineffective
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This Instructor:

- 5,3,0,0 1. informs you of class period objectives
- 5,3,0,0 2. creates student interest in this subject
- 7,1,0,0 3. demonstrates enthusiasm for this subject
- 7,1,0,0 4. provides clear instructions for lessons
- 6,2,0,0 5. uses methods to gradually increase student skill levels
- 2,5,0,0 6. provides feedback about skill/technique improvement
- 5,3,0,0 7. provides periodic review of material, if appropriate.
- 7,0,1,0 8. encourages students to interact and ask questions
- 7,1,0,0 9. speaks in distinct, fluent manner
- 8,0,0,0 10. is available for help when you need it
- 7,1,0,0 11. is friendly and courteous in class
12. In relationship to other instructors you have had in college how would you rate this instructor?  
a. Top 10%    b. Upper 25%    c. per 50%    d. Lower 50%    e. Lower 25%  
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