

Michigan State University
FIRST II – Faculty Institutes for Reforming Science Teaching
Summer Institute Faculty 2004 & 2005

Classroom Observation Study
Informed Consent Form: Faculty

Course Number: _____
Institution: _____

The prediction in this research study is that faculty will improve their ability to implement active, student-centered, inquiry-based learning in their courses due to participation in the FIRST II or Summer Institute projects. If you choose to participate, viewing/tape recording you in your classes will help us to determine the nature of change that you implement in your courses.

Please be assured that the information from observations, videotapes and data from your students will be kept confidential. All results will be treated with strict confidence and you and your students will remain anonymous in any report of research findings. Your privacy will be protected to the maximum extent allowable by law. Upon request and within these restrictions results may be made available to subjects. We will code your observation data and student materials so the researchers can collate the various instruments collected from each person during the term of the research.

These classroom observations will not be used in any way to evaluate you as an individual. Only the reviewers and PI will be allowed to see any of the completed observation forms. Other than having the inconvenience of a person video taping you in the classroom a minimum of two times during the semester/term for two semesters, no known risks or discomforts are associated with participation in the study. You may benefit directly by reviewing the videotapes if you choose to do so, and the results of the study will inform all participants about the dimensions of faculty change in science teaching. Students are not part of the research and will not be identified by the reviewer. Video recordings of your class will be analyzed and destroyed after the study is complete, unless you would like the tapes. You will be asked to fill out a survey about your teaching that will take approximately 10 minutes to complete, and provide your course syllabus and assessments.

You are free to withdraw from the research at any point, without prejudice or penalty. Near the end of the study, we will provide you a detailed synopsis of the research.

If at any point you have further questions about participating in this project, please feel free to contact: Dr. Diane Ebert-May, 517-432-7171, ebertmay@msu.edu, or Dr. Peter Vasilenko, 517-355-2180, ucrihs@msu.edu, 202 Olds Hall, who is the Institutional Review Board chairperson at MSU.

Consent:

Your signature below indicates your voluntary agreement to participate in this study.

Print:
Name: _____ Signature _____

Date: _____