Guidelines for Good Teaching Evaluation Practice

Establish the purposes of the evaluation and who the users will be.
Include stakeholders in decisions about evaluation process and policy.
Keep in mind a balance between individual and institutional needs.
Publicly present clear information about the evaluation criteria, process and procedures.
Establish a legally defensible process, including a system for grievances.
Be sure to provide resources for improvement and support of teaching and teachers.
Build a coherent system for evaluation, rather than a piecemeal process.
Establish clear lines of responsibility/reporting for those who administer the system.
Invest in the superior evaluation system and evaluate it regularly.
Use, adapt or develop instrumentation suited to institutional and individual needs.
Use multiple sources of information for evaluation decisions.
Collect data on ratings and validate the instrument(s) used.
Produce reports that can be easily and accurately understood.
Educate the users of rating results to avoid misuse and misinterpretation.
Keep formative evaluation confidential and separate from summative decision-making.
In summative decisions, compare teachers on the basis of data from similar teaching situations.
Consider the appropriate use of evaluation data for assessment and other purposes.
Seek expert, outside assistance when necessary/appropriate.

(Theall, M., 2001)

