

RESOLUTION REGARDING RESPONSE RATES ON COURSE EVALUATIONS

WHEREAS, faculty have no control over response rates on course evaluations;

WHEREAS, student completion of course evaluations is not mandated;

WHEREAS, incentives for completing the course evaluations may have unintended consequences;

WHEREAS, the current course evaluation instrument has not been evaluated as a valid and reliable method of evaluation of teaching;

WHEREAS, students report reluctance to complete evaluations due to lack of confidentiality in the current system;

Therefore, be it Resolved that,

The Faculty Senate of Stephen F. Austin State University opposes the consideration of response rates on course evaluations as an element of faculty annual evaluation and/or evaluation for the purpose of tenure and promotion