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A RESOLUTION

Relating to student evaluation of faculty.

BE IT RESOLVED
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Whereas, Students spend much time with faculty thus making student evaluations of faculty a practical and valid option; and

Whereas, Student evaluations of faculty could be used as a method for analysis of improvement in teaching ability; and

Whereas, Most instructors recognize the impact of student evaluations of faculty; and

Whereas, Evaluations provide feedback that a faculty member might not get on a face-to-face basis; and

Whereas, Evaluations can provide departmental and college-wide norms against which individual ratings could be judged; and

Whereas, Evaluations can provide information to the college or department on undergraduate strengths and weaknesses, suggest directions for sources and programs, and provide information on programs which have been implemented; and

Whereas, The most important function of student evaluations is to aid students in the selection of their courses thus decreasing the number of drops; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Academic Affairs Committee of Student Government collaborate with faculty members and administrators in designing a standardized student evaluation form for Stephen F. Austin State University; and

Resolved, That each faculty member employed by Stephen F. Austin State University be required to distribute an evaluation form two weeks prior to the final class day of the semester; and

Resolved, That a neutral party such as the departmental secretary shall collect the forms and forward them to the Office of the Vice President of Academic Affairs; and

Resolved, That if a faculty member so desires, he may obtain copies of his completed forms from the Office of the Vice President of Academic Affairs; and

Resolved, That the results of these evaluations shall be used for merit and tenure purposes in addition to the results of the faculty evaluations currently used every two years; and

Resolved, That the results shall be compiled by the administration and made public under the Texas Open Records Act (See attached Attorney General Opinions); and

Resolved, That one copy shall be sent to the Library, one sent to the Office of Student Government, one sent to the dean of each school, and one sent to the Office of the Vice President of Academic Affairs; and

Resolved, That this resolution and its appendages be presented at the one hundred and fifty-first meeting of the Faculty Senate on the twenty-first day of March in the year one thousand nine hundred and eighty-four.