

Senate Resolution #1606

Title: Teaching Evaluation Program Upgrade Resolution

Introduced: November 8, 1988

Thesis: Support a new teaching evaluation program which will have more effect on tenure and retention of faculty and which would inform students of the results of teaching evaluations.

Sponsor: Ken Worley

1. Whereas the current teaching evaluation program is non-standard across
2. colleges and departments; and whereas an ASUW student survey conducted
3. in the 1987-88 Academic Year showed that over half the students do NOT
4. think that current teaching evaluations are taken seriously by depart-
5. ment heads, deans, or administrators; and whereas many of the current
6. teaching evaluation methods are very subjective and virtually impossible
7. to summarize or correlate; and whereas students are not informed of the
8. results of any evaluations to guide them in selecting courses and/or
9. instructors; be it resolved by the Student Senate of the Associated
10. Students of the University of Wyoming that a new teaching evaluation
11. program be instituted which: 1) is, for the most part, objective in
12. that the major portion of the evaluation can be accomplished on a com-
13. puter-readable form for easier compilation (for example, ratings on a
14. scale from 1 to 10); 2) includes two distinct sections, one for course
15. evaluation and the other for instructor evaluation, which would be com-
16. piled separately; 3) is standard across both departments and colleges
17. so that all instructors and courses could be compared according to the
18. same standards; 4) does not exempt the instructor from evaluations due
19. to tenure; 5) allows for disclosure of all results of teaching
20. evaluations to students at minimal cost (perhaps in pamphlet form); and

21. 6) affects faculty promotion, tenure, and retention. Further be it
22. resolved that if the University of Wyoming's administration does not take
23. any action toward this goal by the end of spring semester 1989, this
24. topic be made a major goal of the summer internship attended by the
25. President and Vice-president of the 1989-90 ASUW Senate.

Referred to: Academic Affairs

Date of Passage: February 7, 1989, Signed: *Montel J. White*  
ASUW Senate Chairman

"Being enacted on February 8, 1989, I do hereby sign my name hereto and  
approve this Senate action."

*Lisa Skiles*  
ASUW President

*Passed 21-4-0*