SENATE BILL #1906

Title: Course Evaluations

Date: January 29, 1999

Authors: Academic Affairs Committee

Sponsors: Senators Arnold, Gasson, Hammons, Reed, and Sjogren

1. WHEREAS, the recent 1997-1998 Student Needs Assessment survey shows
2. that a substantial number of students would use teaching evaluations if made
3. accessible (see addendum); and

4. WHEREAS, the current course evaluations are not accessible to students for
5. course selection; and

6. WHEREAS, an objective evaluation made available to students for course
7. selection would enhance the teaching-learning experience by helping
8. eliminate student uncertainty in course selection as well as provide additional
9. feedback to faculty.

10. THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Student Senate of the Associated Students of
11. the University of Wyoming that an ad-hoc committee be established to create an
12. objective and fair course evaluation which could potentially be available to
13. students of the University of Wyoming. The committee shall consist of 5
14. members. Three students will be appointed by the President of the Associated
15. Students of the University of Wyoming, and a recommendation will be given
16. that the President of Faculty Senate appoint two faculty members. The
17. chairperson, one of the three students, will be appointed by the ASUW President.
18. THEREFORE, be it further enacted by the Student Senate of the Associated
19. Students of the University of Wyoming that the committee have the following responsibilities:

21. 1) Create a fair and objective course evaluation.

22. 2) Determine the means by which course evaluation data will be compiled, published, and distributed.

24. 3) Determine costs of implementing and continuing the course evaluation process.

26. 4) Ensure legality of the course evaluations.

27. 5) Determine additional information that could be included with the evaluations that would enhance the teaching-learning process (e.g., study skills, time-management skills, effective use of the evaluations).

31. THEREFORE, be it further enacted by the Student Senate of the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming that the committee will have its work completed by March 26th, 1999, and that the course evaluation be presented at the March 30th Senate meeting for Senate approval.

Referred to: Committee of the Whole

Date of Passage: February 9, 1999

Signed: [Signature]
(ASUW Chairperson)

"Being enacted on February 16, 1999, I do hereby sign my name hereto and approve this Senate action."

ASUW President
Addendum to Senate Bill #1906

1. If teacher evaluations were made accessible to students, I would use them in determining my schedule.

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