SENATE RESOLUTION #1928

Title: Professor Evaluations of Graduate Student Teachers and Teaching Assistants

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1. WHEREAS, the University of Wyoming allows graduate students and teaching assistants to instruct many lower level classes, labs, and discussions, which form the foundation for future learning; and

2. WHEREAS, these graduate students and teaching assistants may have little or no previous teaching experience, which may have detrimental effects on students; and

3. WHEREAS, graduate student teachers and teaching assistants are only evaluated at the end of each semester; and

4. WHEREAS, evaluations before the end of the semester may improve graduate student teachers’ and teaching assistants’ instruction and enhance students’ learning process.

5. THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming that a supervising professor observe each graduate student teacher and teaching assistant twice a semester, once before and once after mid-term, and

6. if necessary, provide training or recommendations in order to enhance the quality of instruction.

Referred to: Committee of the Whole
Date of Passage: November 9, 1999

Signed: [Signature]

(ASUW Chairperson)

"Being enacted on [9/3/99], I do hereby sign my name hereto and approve this Senate action."

[Signature]

ASUW President