SENATE BILL #2026

Title: Professor Evaluations Online

Date: November 13, 2002

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Sponsors: Senators Bean, Jones, Martin, McGriff, Murphy, Thoman, and Wilbert

1. WHEREAS, there is currently no system in place where students can access
2. information about courses and professors; and
3. WHEREAS, this information about courses should include student reviews of
4. their professors, information on a professor and his/her teaching styles,
5. withdraw rates, and class size; and
6. WHEREAS, this information would provide a valuable asset to students in
7. selecting their courses; and
8. WHEREAS, this information would serve as a valuable asset to faculty in
9. advising students; and
10. WHEREAS, a better comparison could be made between courses and
11. professors if this information was available; and
12. WHEREAS, students would be able to choose courses and professors that are
13. best suited for the way in which they learn; and
14. WHEREAS, having this information available would also increase course
15. retention rates, because students can preview a course and the professor before
16. enrolling; and
17. WHEREAS, the Pick-A-Prof company provides a service that makes this
18. information available to all students and faculty year around; and
19. WHEREAS, Pick-A-Prof also is an unbiased third party which posts
evaluations in addition to reading and screening student reviews for profanity
and personal attacks on professors, and moves liability away from the
22. University.
23. THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Student Senate of the Associated Students
of the University of Wyoming that an implementation committee be created
25. (see Attachment A) to oversee and implement the Pick-A-Prof program at
26. the University; and
27. THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Student of the Associated Students of the
University of Wyoming that ASUW allocate $5,000 annually for the services
of the Pick-A-Prof program, contingent upon the completion of the work of
the Implementation Committee; and
29. THEREFORE, be it further enacted by the Associated Students of the
University of Wyoming that the ASUW Academics and Technology
Committee annually review the Pick-A-Prof service and make a
recommendation to the Senate thereafter; and
31. THEREFORE, be it further enacted by ASUW that the need for the inclusion
of past grading history of professors will be reviewed in the Spring of 2005 by
the Academics and Technology Committee.

Referenced to: Student Issues Committee

Date of Passage: February 18, 2003
Signed: [Signature]
(ASUW Chairperson)

"Being enacted on [Date] 2003, I do hereby sign my name
hereeto and approve this Senate action." [Signature]
ASUW President
Attachment A

The Pick-A-Prof Implementation Committee shall be comprised of the following membership:

Karyn Thoman, Chair
ASUW Advisor, or designee
Vice President for Academic Affairs, or designee (Tom Buchanan)
Vice President for Student Affairs, or designee (Leellen Brigman)
Vice President for Institutional Technology, or designee (Robert Aylward)
Faculty Senate President, or designee (Terri Rittenburg)
Faculty member appointed by the Vice President for Academic Affairs (Tom Buchanan)
Dean of Arts and Sciences, or designee (Oliver Walter)
Registrar (Robert Hensley)
ASUW Academics and Technology chair - TBD
ASUW Executive – TBD
ASUW President or Vice President