

SENATE RESOLUTION #1178  
as amended

Title: Faculty Evaluation Proposal

Codification Number:

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Thesis: Position of ASUW on Faculty Evaluations

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1. Be it resolved by the Student Senate of the Associated Students of the
2. University of Wyoming that whereas, the Faculty Senate in passing
3. resolution #80 did not adequately consider the protection of student
4. rights; be it resolved that the Student Senate officially oppose certain
5. provisions of the Faculty Senate's teacher evaluation proposal as not in
6. the students' best interests:
7. I. The Faculty Senate has not shown the actual necessity of signed evaluations.
8. The ASUW agrees that numerical, categorical evaluations are too arbitrary
9. to be used exclusively in promotion, salary and tenure considerations.
10. Written comments will encourage more critical thought and therefore
11. be more useful to the instructor. There is, however, no justification
12. in thinking that unsigned evaluations are somehow less valid in promotion,
13. salary and tenure decisions. Since information about the student is more
14. important than the student's actual name, only comments which include
15. the evaluator's (a)major, and (b) reason for taking the class (i.e.
16. departmental, college or University requirement or open elective) should
17. be considered for administrative purposes. Unless a student particularly
18. wants to sign his evaluations, he should not feel compelled to do so in
19. order for his voice to officially count. Therefore, students should have
20. the choice of signing or not signing evaluations. All comments, signed
21. and unsigned, should be used for official administrative purposes if they
22. include the above stated criteria.