

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
20. evaluations in addition to reading and screening student reviews for profanity
21. 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
24. 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
28. University of Wyoming that ASUW allocate \$5,000 annually for the services
29. of the Pick-A-Prof program, contingent upon the completion of the work of
30. the Implementation Committee; and

31. THEREFORE, be it further enacted by the Associated Students of the
32. University of Wyoming that the ASUW Academics and Technology
33. Committee annually review the Pick-A-Prof service and make a
34. recommendation to the Senate thereafter; and

35. THEREFORE, be it further enacted by ASUW that the need for the inclusion
36. of past grading history of professors will be reviewed in the Spring of 2005 by
37. the Academics and Technology Committee.

Referred to: Student Issues Committee

Date of Passage: February 18, 2003

Signed:


(ASUW Chairperson)

“Being enacted on Feb 20, 2003, I do hereby sign my name

hereto and approve this Senate action.”


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