

Introduced by Matthew Johnson, Representative for the Michigan College of Optometry.

A resolution to recommend that the Student Assessment of Instruction (SAIs) adopt an alternative method for completion of the comments' section regarding a professor's instructional performance.

THE STUDENTS OF FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY RESOLVE:

WHEREAS, The Student Assessment of Instruction (SAI) is utilized to provide feedback pertaining to a professor's performance; and

WHEREAS, SAI's are used by the Tenure Review Committees for both tenure promotion and tenure evaluation; and

WHEREAS, Data collected from these forms influence the decision of these committees regarding the employment of the faculty member; and

WHEREAS, The current form has students complete the comments' section in their own hand-writing; and

WHEREAS, Students are encouraged to be honest and provide constructive criticism to a professor's performance and potential changes the student would like to see with either the class or professor, and

UNDERSTANDING, That professors receive these evaluations in their original form after the semester is complete; and

UNDERSTANDING, That many students have a professor for more than one semester, giving the professor ample opportunity to match the student's handwriting from the SAI to any handwriting sample; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That a new system must be created to ensure student confidentiality in order to provide accurate feedback; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That Student Government is strongly recommending a change to how the SAI's are completed to ensure that a student's comments are kept completely confidential so that information provided by the student will not potentially impair a student's grades in subsequent semesters; and therefore, be it

ULTIMATELY RESOLVED, That to ensure that student identity is kept confidential, Ferris State University adopt a more secure procedure so that SAI's are not received by the professor in their original form regarding hand-written comments.

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