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Release of Teacher Evaluation to Texas Tech Students Resolution

Senator Casadonte reported two questions were addressed; 1) How would a particular instructor compare to other instructors teaching the same course? 2) What is the overall effectiveness of the instructor?

According to legal council anyone requesting information about student ratings of teacher effectiveness is legally entitled to receive this information.

BE IT RESOLVED, that statistical summaries of the “student evaluation of course and instructor” forms be made available to Texas Tech students.

- 1) These summaries shall be placed in the library, in advisement offices, and in the student government office for use by the students in the course selection process.
- 2) Composite scores (where available) for the past six years for individual faculty as well as average scores for individual courses shall be distributed, with the specific nature of the data presentation to be determined by the office of Institutional Research, TLTC, Teaching Academy Executive Committee and any other appropriate groups in consultation with the Provost’s Office and appropriate Faculty Senate and Student Senate Committees.
- 3) No student comments will be made available.
- 4) Participation by the faculty will be mandatory, and the O.P. concerning these evaluations will be modified to reflect this requirement.
- 5) Subsequently, a revised course evaluation form shall be devised in consultation with representatives from the Student Senate, the Faculty Senate, the Provost’s Office, and the Office of Institutional Research in order to produce a form which provides greater improvement and more relevant information for the students to aid them in course selection.