

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY  
FORTY-SIXTH SENATE  
SIXTEENTH SESSION  
12/7/16**

**RESOLUTION #4612  
In Support of the Proposed Course Evaluation**

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ENDORSED BY:

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ABSTRACT: ASCSU supports the proposal for a new online course evaluation that avoids many of the major issues with the previous course evaluation. The students want to ensure that the course evaluation is used for productive purposes and provides benefits to faculty and students alike.

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WHEREAS

The current course evaluation has demonstrated statistically significant biases unrelated to the objectives of the course evaluation form, is unadaptable, and has been increasingly used in a manner incompatible with its founding intent and usefulness to students; and,

WHEREAS

Because of these reasons students believe that the current course evaluations should be replaced with a new and improved product aimed at minimizing these biases while meeting the original intent of this product in a sustainably adaptable form; and,

WHEREAS

Over the past year several members of faculty and administration have worked to produce a proposal for a new evaluation that addresses the problems that exist in the current evaluation. This proposed evaluation would be online and adaptable, would not be used as a sole factor in

evaluating teaching effectiveness, and would attempt to be as unbiased as possible. This proposal has taken into account the history of the current course survey and the problems with it, and has worked to address each of those problems; and,

WHEREAS

The students believe that the course evaluation should be used as a means of helping teachers self-reflect on their teaching methods and work to improve their teaching, should be administered in a sustainable manner, should try to avoid bias, and should be useful to students as well as faculty; and,

WHEREAS

The proposed course evaluation, along with the recommendations added by the Committee on Teaching and Learning, aligns well with the goals of students, and should be seriously considered as an alternative to the current paper survey.

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED

That the Associated Students of Colorado State University supports the proposed course evaluation as a replacement for the current evaluation; and,

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That the new course evaluation should have questions that can be accessed by students, such as questions referring to teaching style and learning environment, so that students are able to make educated decisions during registration on which professor to take; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED

That the Associated Students of Colorado State University support a change in faculty policy that does not allow the course evaluation to be used as the sole method of evaluating teaching effectiveness, as we believe the purpose of the evaluation is to improve teaching instead of judging it; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED

That a copy of this legislation be forwarded to Dr. Matt Hickey, Chair of the Committee on Teaching and Learning; Mary Stromberger, Chair of Faculty Council; and Jody Donovan, Dean of Students.

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