

Proposed Resolution on the Evaluation of Teaching and Transmittal of Teaching Task Force Report

WHEREAS the University Faculty Council established a joint task force with the Academic Leadership Council to explore alternatives to the current student course evaluation system at IU, as part of President McRobbie's State of the University charge to critically examine teaching initiatives at the university; and

WHEREAS the task force extensively reviewed the academic literature on student evaluations that found a significant potential for bias in the use of quantitative and numerical ratings, and a greater reliability in the use of narrative and qualitative feedback; and

WHEREAS the task force recommended the wider use of qualitative student feedback, faculty self-reflection and peer review in the evaluation of teaching; and

WHEREAS, the creation of appropriate standards and mechanisms for evaluating teaching should be done primarily at the unit and campus levels, recognizing that units and campuses have diverse instructional missions and modalities; and

WHEREAS, UFC Faculty Affairs Committee has reviewed and discussed the task force report and concurs in its recommendations; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the task force report shall be distributed to all campus faculty governance organizations and academic units with the recommendation that they consider and implement its recommendations in ways their faculties find most appropriate.