

Resolution SS0809-[##] 07

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COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS  
SEN. RYAN BRELLENTHIN**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AN ONLINE TEACHER  
AND COURSE EVALUATION SYSTEM**

Whereas, Over the course of the past year, the Committee on Academic Affairs has successfully communicated with representatives of the Office of Institutional Research, the Office of Information Technologies, and the Advisory Committee to the Provost on the Evaluation of Teaching;

Whereas, This relationship has continued into this year, especially in the form of communication with Dr. Mark Gunty, Assistant Director of Institutional Research;

Whereas, Student Government, specifically the Committee on Academic Affairs, has been asked to provide input on a new system for online course and teacher evaluations known as the Course Information Form and Informing Course Selection system;

Whereas, The report issued by the Committee on Academic Affairs on this matter outlines the background of the CIF/ICS system and evaluates the costs and benefits of the old Teacher and Course Evaluation system as compared to the costs and benefits of the new system;

Whereas, The Committee on Academic Affairs fully supports the implementation of this new system in the upcoming semesters as a replacement of the TCE system;

Whereas, This new system will provide greater transparency and greater information in the course selection process; and

Whereas, Faculty Senate and the Academic Council have handed down resolutions in support of the new system; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That Student Senate supports the switch from the TCE system to the CIF/ICS system;

*Resolved*, That the Office of Institutional Research, the Office of Information Technologies, and the Advisory Committee to the Provost on the Evaluation of Teaching continue to look to Student Government for advice about the needs and concerns of the student body, as these departments have done an outstanding job of doing in the past;

*Resolved*, That Student Senate continue expressing interest in this issue to ensure that the quality of the CIF/ICS system is at least as effective as the TCE system and that the CIF/ICS system lives up to its expectations; and

*Resolved*, That Student Senate acknowledge and commend the work of Dr. Gunty, Associate Provost Dennis Jacobs, and all other members of the administration who played an instrumental part in seeking out and integrating student input in this matter.

