

**THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH**

Bill Number: Senate Resolution #2019-07
Title: Support Creation of Sustainable Course Evaluations
Sponsored by: Vice President Leen Almahdi, Senator, College of Business Administration Robert Martinez
Co-Sponsored by: Chief Academic Officer Emely Lopez
Date Submitted: November 21, 2018
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- WHEREAS** the Associated Students Incorporated Board of Directors at California State University, Long Beach is a recognized voice for over 37,000 students; and,
- WHEREAS** the CSULB ASI mission states, “the Associated Students of CSULB seeks to facilitate the achievement of students’ educational objectives and life goals through programs, services, and facilities that advocate student needs and interests, compel student representation in campus decision making and provide students with resources that they identify as necessary for their intellectual, social and physical development¹”; and,
- WHEREAS** CSULB is an institution dedicated to promoting sustainable practices² throughout all aspects of campus life, including operations, construction, and academic programs³; and,
- WHEREAS** The Student Perception of Teaching evaluations, often referred to as SPOT, are distributed to all students near the end of both the Fall and Spring semesters⁴; and,
- WHEREAS** The SPOT aims to assess the instructional effectiveness, teaching behaviors of the instructor and provide feedback to help guide the development of the course⁵; and,
- WHEREAS** Evaluations should be conducted under conditions that allow students to evaluate freely and thoughtfully regarding the instructor's teaching effectiveness⁶; and,
- WHEREAS** All evaluation forms shall be administered to classes with more than 6 people, and are printed unless a course is held online⁷; and,
- WHEREAS** According to the Provost's office, approximately 1 million sheets of paper are used for these evaluations each semester; and,
- WHEREAS** That the initiative to administer SPOT online will greatly reduce Greenhouse gas emission⁸ to ensure we meet our goal of climate neutrality, as stated in California State University, Long Beach’s Climate Action Plan⁹; now therefore, be it,

¹ <http://www.asicsulb.org/pages/asi-mission-statement>

² <https://www2.calstate.edu/impact-of-the-csu/sustainability/Documents/2014-17-Sustainability.pdf>

³ <https://www.csulb.edu/sustainability/task-force>

⁴ <https://www.csulb.edu/academic-technology-services/student-perceptions-of-teaching-spot>

⁵ <https://www.csulb.edu/academic-technology-services/student-perceptions-of-teaching-spot>

⁶ http://web.csulb.edu/divisions/aa/grad_undergrad/senate/policy/academic/alphabetical/student_evaluation.html

⁷ http://web.csulb.edu/divisions/aa/grad_undergrad/senate/policy/academic/alphabetical/studentevaluation.html

⁸ <https://www.epa.gov/ghgreporting/ghgrp-pulp-and-paper>

⁹ https://www.csulb.edu/sites/default/files/2014_csulb_climate_action_plan.pdf

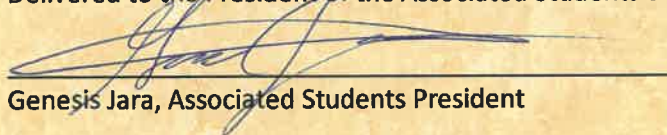
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- RESOLVED** We urge the University to consider adopting a sustainable way to evaluate professors by integrating digital SPOT evaluations; and be it further,
- RESOLVED** That the University develop an online SPOT evaluation and encourage a time frame for each instructor to issue evaluations online; and be it further,
- RESOLVED** That qualitative and quantitative data be observed as a unit for each individual evaluation submitted to discount inconsistencies with results; and be it further,
- RESOLVED** That this online evaluation be incentivized for students to ensure participation is upheld and honest feedback is provided; and be it further,
- RESOLVED** That printed copies or accommodations for the SPOT be provided for students with different accessibility needs; and be it further,
- RESOLVED** That the online assessment remains anonymous and not disclose the identity of student participants to protect the privacy of students while ensuring more honest feedback is provided; and be it further,
- RESOLVED** That digital SPOT be administered for all faculty, tenured or not, to ensure all instructors are given feedback to improve; and be it further,
- RESOLVED** That digital SPOT evaluations will continue to contribute to the holistic process of assessing and evaluating instructors; and be it finally,
- RESOLVED** that electronic copies of this resolution be distributed California State University, Long Beach President Jane Conoley, Interim Vice President for Student Affairs Mary Ann Takemoto, Dean of Students Piya Bose, Chair of Academic Senate Norbert Schurer, the California State Student Association, all current and future Associated Students Incorporated officers, the Daily 49er, and the Union Weekly.



Leen Almahdi, Vice President & Chair, Associated Students Board of Directors

Delivered to the President of the Associated Students on:



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