

## **PROPOSAL TO THE ACADEMIC SENATE**

TITLE: Voluntary Release of Student Assessment of Instructions Answers  
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ACTION IS: CONSULTATION

### **DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL**

The Academic Senate supports SGA's efforts to provide a fair representation of students' assessment of courses. The use of this knowledge is for students to understand the instructor's teaching and evaluation styles, their emphasis on competencies, and the level at which previous students have recommended the course and the instructor. To this end the Academic Senate suggests that faculty consider voluntary release of the averages associated with the twenty-three statements on the front page of the Student Assessment of Instruction form presently used.

It is understood that only the averages of each assessment statement, in the same format as received by instructors, will be displayed on SGA's Website. There will be no department or unit averages released. There will be no interpretation of results or comments from individual student evaluators. Furthermore, the site will be firewalled from release outside the UD community. Finally, an instructor's permission to release any or all assessment averages is only good for the semester in which he or she has agreed to.

The logistics of the action will involve the following:

1. SGA will contact all instructors by letter asking that they fill out and sign a permission slip for any course(s) the instructor is willing to release average values from the assessment form. The instructor will also be asked to identify any website links that contain course syllabi or other descriptions.
2. SGA will make personal visits to instructors who have not returned the permission slips in a set time period.
3. SGA will coordinate with ACTS to obtain assessment information that instructors have agreed to release.
4. SGA will place the instructors' assessment averages and website addresses on SGA's website.
5. The SGA website containing the assessment averages will be firewalled from view outside the UD community.