



## University of Hawai'i – West O'ahu Faculty Senate

### Resolution #2016-7

On September 2, 2016 the UHWO Faculty Senate rescinded Resolution 2016-4 and adopted the following Resolution:

*Resolved*, That the design and selection of questions to be included in student evaluations of teaching at UH West O'ahu shall fall under the purview of the UHWO Faculty Senate and its appropriate standing committees, working in consultation with the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs; and be it

*Resolved*, That student evaluations of teaching shall remain the property of the individual instructor of record, who determines how to disseminate the survey data.

**Effective Date: September 2, 2016 and upon the approval of the UHWO Chancellor.**

#### Intended Purpose or Rationale:

BOR Policy RP1.210 endows the UHWO Faculty Senate with "primary responsibility for... curriculum content, subject matter, and methods of instruction and research"; and the UH System President indicated in a March 8, 2016 memorandum that results from the new Course Evaluation System will be distributed "according to campus-specific policies and procedures,";

UH West O'ahu is a student-centered campus that fosters excellence in teaching and learning. The primary purpose of student evaluations of teaching at UH West O'ahu is to facilitate professional development by providing instructors with timely feedback on teaching effectiveness, thereby allowing faculty and lecturer experts to improve the content and delivery of course material. This enables students to drive their own educational experience and helps improve the overall quality of instruction at UHWO. The faculty, through its elected representatives serving on the Faculty Senate, possesses the requisite knowledge and expertise in university-level instruction and is therefore the most appropriate body to oversee the construction of student evaluations of teaching.

In keeping with campus precedent and the spirit of Faculty Resolution #2009- 2, course evaluations will not be forwarded onto third parties without permission from the instructor of record. This helps to ensure instructor confidentiality on a small campus such as UHWO. However, as student evaluations of teaching play a role in lecturer (re)hiring decisions, contract renewals, and tenure and promotion assessments, candidates are encouraged to share evaluation reports in these contexts.



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