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## SENATE

# RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ONLINE COURSE EVALUATIONS

*Whereas, paper course evaluations are unnecessarily difficult and expensive to process;*

*Whereas, the current system is inadequate to provide timely and relevant feedback to professors for the following semester;*

*Whereas, students do not currently receive tangible benefits from paper course evaluations, such as the ability to access compiled data or to hold professors accountable for their commitment to teaching; and*

*Whereas, RateMyProfessors.com is an inadequate online supplement for official course evaluations with the potential to mislead students based on a self-selecting group of students who provide the feedback;*

Be it resolved by the Undergraduate Student Government assembled in the Senate—

- (1) That the plan to move the official course evaluation process online as presented by Graham Glynn, Assistant Provost and Executive Director of Teaching, Learning and Technology (TLT) should be implemented as soon as possible;
- (2) That course evaluation policy should be modified to allow students full access to the course evaluations and any compiled data, if and when this plan is carried out;
- (3) That TLT should seek a platform that offers a mobile application to make the new process inexcusably easy; and
- (4) That TLT and USG should collaborate on initiatives to encourage students to complete their course evaluations at the end of every semester before finals, whether it is in the form of integrating the process into finals-week events, or providing small incentives for completing evaluations.

Respectfully submitted to and passed by the Undergraduate Student Government at Stony Brook University Senate on this thirtieth day of September, 2010.

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