STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION 2015-124

TITLE: Resolution Encouraging the Exploration of Midterm Faculty Evaluations

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WHEREAS, faculty evaluations provide a measure of assessment to track the quality of teaching among instructors; and,

WHEREAS, faculty evaluations can hold instructors accountable for fairly and responsibly teaching students the necessary material; and,

WHEREAS, faculty evaluations at the end of a semester may involve biased evaluations as a result of students reacting to their final grades, whether negatively or positively; and,

WHEREAS, students may be more inclined to fill out faculty midterm evaluations, as they have the ability to give direct input on how their class is structured; and,

WHEREAS, faculty evaluations is a factor used in deciding promotion and tenure within various departments of the University of Florida; and,

WHEREAS, students may forget to fill out evaluations due to exams and academic breaks; and,

WHEREAS, the addition of midterm faculty evaluations provide another opportunity for students to evaluate instructors during a less stressful time period, in comparison to the end of a semester; and,

WHEREAS, the additional data from midterm faculty evaluations can assist various university administrators in planning academic goals for their respective departments; and,

WHEREAS, midterm faculty evaluations will aid in the University of Florida’s pursuit of preeminence and a top 10 status by promoting higher quality of education; then,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate encourages University of Florida administration to explore the implementation of midterm faculty evaluations.

Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to University President, Dr. Kent Fuchs; Provost, Joseph Glover; College of Engineering Associate Dean of Student Affairs, Angela Lindner; and Dean of Students, Jen Day Shaw.

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