



COUNCIL RESOLUTION

STUDENT GOVERNMENT COUNCIL · MODESTO A. MAIDIQUE CAMPUS
THE 37TH SESSION OF THE STUDENT SENATE

RESOLUTION ITEM SR3702
FORMAL TITLE *A Resolution to Re-Design the Student Perceptions of Teaching Survey*
AUTHOR(S) *Cristhofer Lugo, College of Engineering and Computing Senator*
SPONSORS *Salma Attasi, College of Arts and Sciences Education Senator; Ashley Nuñez, Senator at Large; Amanda Ramirez, Student Advocacy Committee Chair, College of Arts Sciences Education Senator; Sophonie Rosier, Nursing & Health Sciences; Rafel Vazquez, Senator at Large; Jocelyn Correa, Nursing & Health Sciences Senator, Karla Sofia Perez, Business Senator; Amelia Raudes, Honors College; Carlos Ortiz, Internal Affairs Committee Chair, College of Architecture and the Arts Senator;*
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VOTE COUNT *YY-NN-AA*
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REFERRED TO EXECUTIVE *MM-DD-YY*
EXECUTIVE ACTION *ENACTED / VETOED* *MM-DD-YY*

SUMMARY/LEGISLATIVE INTENT	
MAJOR POINTS OF DISCUSSION – 1ST READING	
MAJOR POINTS OF DISCUSSION – 2ND READING	
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Committee Referral

To Re-Design the Student’s Perspectives of Teachers Survey by Making it More User-Friendly and Enhance its Features

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE

- a) This Resolution may be cited as the “Re-Designed SPOTs”.

SECTION 2. TERMS

- a) “FIU” refers to Florida International University, its administration, or the student community of the university;
- b) “SGC-MMC” refers to the Student Government Council of the Modesto A. Maidique Campus of Florida International University;
- c) “SPOTs” refers to the Student Perceptions of Teaching Survey that is composed of nineteen questions;
- d) “SPOTs’ website” refers to the website that displays faculty evaluation, made by the student body.



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SECTION 3. AUTHORITY

The proposal outlined in this Resolution is in compliance with the authority granted in Article III, Section 5 (A) 1 of the SGA Constitution as well as restated in Article III, Section 3.01 (b) i-1 of the SGC-MMC Statutes, stating that “[The Senate shall] enact and diligently carryout all legislation necessary and proper for the general welfare of the Student Body.”

SECTION 4. RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, SPOTs is an assessment given to students at the end of every semester to evaluate their instructors’ performance on a specific course [1];

WHEREAS, SPOTs’ results are displayed at opir.fiu.edu [2] for students to access this information;

WHEREAS, FIU discourages students from using the platform Rate my Professor [3] as it can be unreliable and can contain misleading information [4]; instead they encourage students to use SPOTs’ results;

WHEREAS, the website where SPOTs’ results are displayed is not user-friendly and makes it very difficult for students to comprehend the results and be able to make a decision to select a professor;

WHEREAS, SPOTs’ website is unknown by the majority of the student population of FIU and due to its complex features is also underused.



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Therefore, be it resolved by the Student Senate of the Student Government Association of the Modesto A. Maidique Campus of Florida International University assembled that FIU SGA propose that SPOTs' website be redesigned to effectively provide the necessary information to the student body and to be advertised throughout the FIU Community. FIU SGA hopes that SPOTs' becomes more user-friendly, less clutter-filled and better advertised to increase the use of this resource.

Therefore, let it be further resolved by the Student Senate of the Student Government Association of the Modesto A. Maidique Campus of Florida International University assembled that FIU SGA recommend the current features of SPOTs' website be redesigned. With its new design we recommend that the website contain: a standard FIU header, with a search bar for professors, an overall rating out of five (5) based on all the courses taught by the professor, professor's name, anonymous comments made by students, a graphical representation (i.e. Pie chart) for the seven (7) main questions and another search bar that displays courses taught by the professor and gives specific details on that particular course. FIU SGA supports the Re-Design SPOT Survey and sees it fit that these changes be made official by this Resolution.



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SECTION 5. ENFORCEMENT

This Resolution shall be presented to the Student Body, FIU Analysis and Information Management and all relevant committees on behalf of the Student Body by the SGC-MMC;

SECTION 6. ENACTMENT

Upon passage of the SGC-MMC RLJC Committee, the SGC-MMC Senate, and approval of the FIU-MMC Student Body President, the SGC-MMC will adopt and work toward the objectives outlined in the Resolution;

SECTION 7. IMPLEMENTATION

Upon the passage of this Resolution by the SGC-MMC Senate and its signing by the SGC-MMC President, this shall become the official opinion and position of the SGC-MMC.

[1] <https://opir.fiu.edu/disclaim.htm>

[2] <https://opir.fiu.edu/faculty-evaluations.htm>

[3] <https://www.ratemyprofessors.com>

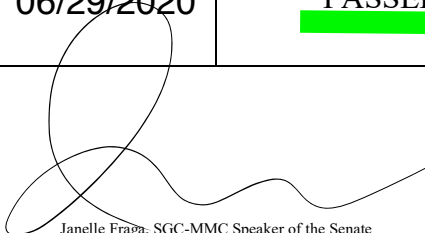

[4] <http://panthernow.com/2017/08/25/faculty-evaluations-more-reliable-than-ratemyprofessor/>

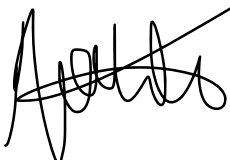


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SR 3701		
RE-DESIGNED SPOTs		
IN FAVOR OF: 28	AGAINST: 0	ABSTENTIONS: 0
AMENDMENTS: APPENDED ON BACK:		

SENATE ACTION	DATE: 06/29/2020	PASSED	FAILED
 Janelle Fraga, SGC-MMC Speaker of the Senate			
 Cristhofer Lugo			

EXECUTIVE ACTION	DATE:	ENACTED	VETOED
 Alexandra Valdes, SGC-MMC Student Body President			