BOD 2014-4R Resolution on Course Evaluations Presented to Board of Directors April 30, 2014

WHEREAS, the Associated Students Incorporated (ASI) Board of Directors of California State University, East Bay is the recognized voice of over 14,000 students; and

WHEREAS, it is the mission of the ASI Board of Directors to advocate for students on the issues that concern them; and

WHEREAS, the ASI Board of Directors recognizes that course evaluations are greatly influential in determining instructor effectiveness which determines the potential for promotion, tenure, and retention of faculty; and

WHEREAS, the ASI Board of Directors recognizes that the transition from paper to online course evaluations may contribute to decreased student participation; and

WHEREAS, the ASI Board of Directors seeks to maximize student participation in course evaluations; and

WHEREAS, there have been reported student concerns from Spring Quarter focus groups facilitated by ASI College Directors regarding the importance and value of course evaluations; and

WHEREAS, the ASI Board of Directors believes the current course evaluation questions do not accurately measure effective teaching; and

WHEREAS, ineffective teaching can negatively affect a student's ability to both graduate and succeed; therefore let it be

RESOLVED, that the ASI Board of Directors strongly recommends that the course evaluations be administered consistently across all departments of the University by all online submissions; and let it be further

RESOLVED, that the course evaluation questions be aimed towards evaluating the quality of the instructor, centered on teaching effectiveness, and helping to inform improvements in teaching; and let it be further

RESOLVED, that the ASI Board of Directors strongly recommends that there be student representation on the Evaluation of Teaching subcommittee to give input on course evaluation questions; and let it be further

RESOLVED, that the ASI Board of Directors request that students be informed on the post course evaluation process, specifically that the concerns expressed in these evaluations are being heard and addressed; and let it be further

RESOLVED, that the ASI Board of Directors also requests that students are informed that course evaluations are anonymous, despite having to use their NetID to access the evaluations; and let it be further

RESOLVED, that the ASI Board of Directors recommends that the Associate Provost and the chair of the Student Evaluations of Teaching Subcommittee meet with the ASI Board annually to inform them about the processes and issues about the current state of teaching and teaching evaluations; and let it be finally

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution shall be distributed widely, including, but not limited to: CSU East Bay President, the CSU East Bay Provost, the CSU East Bay Academic Senate, and the general student population of CSU East Bay.

President Signature

Date