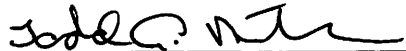


UNH FACULTY SENATE  
MOTION # XVIII-M1

on showing mean score 1-13 on evaluation form

1. Motion presenter: Michael Ferber - Academic Affairs Committee
2. Dates of Faculty Senate discussion: 9/23/2013
3. Motion: We move that the Student Evaluation Form be changed to show the mean score for questions 1 through 13.
4. Rationale: One of the weaknesses of the current numerical form is the confusion bred by question 14, the "overall rating," which seems to be (but is not) the average of the thirteen specific questions immediately above it. More than a few professors and other instructors have not known that it is a separate question. If the "overall rating" is low or somewhat low (say, 4.2 or less, which is low in these inflated days), and one takes the average of the thirteen questions, one finds almost invariably a number several tenths higher, at least in one major department over the past five or six years. Higher or lower, the average of the thirteen questions is a better index of teaching success than the number of the "overall rating." It is tedious to make the calculations and subject to error.
5. Senate action: Motion passed with all ayes except for one abstention
6. Senate chair's signature: 

Forwarded to: President Mark Huddleston, on 10-2-2013  
Provost Lisa MacFarlane, on 10-2-2013  
P.T. Vasudevan, Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, on 10-2-2013  
All college deans, on 10-2-2013  
All department chairs, on 10-2-2013