Dear Deborah Kinghorn,

On behalf of the Student Senate of the University to New Hampshire I present to you a resolution passed unanimously requesting that the University of New Hampshire in conjunction with the Teacher Evaluation Committee in Faculty Senate add two specific questions to teacher evaluations regarding “A culture of inclusion and diversity,” that would echo the goals of the University of New Hampshire’s strategic plan. The Student Senate of the University of New Hampshire believes that the addition of the two attached questions to teaching evaluations would better serve students, faculty, and the University of New Hampshire as a whole.

Respectfully,
Gabriel Hoffman
Speaker of the University of New Hampshire Student Senate
Student Senate Resolution XXXVII – 2 In Regards to Adding Two Questions to Teacher Evaluations

Introduced by: Community Development Chairperson, Matthew Reuter
Date: September 27th, 2015

Whereas, community inclusiveness and campus equality is an inherent part of the University of New Hampshire’s strategic plan\(^1\), with a focus area on, “strengthen[ing] and diversify[ing] enrollment” and one of six vision and values as “A Culture of Inclusion and Diversity\(^2\),” and

Whereas, both faculty and students share the responsibility in creating a respectful and equitable environment in the classroom, and

Whereas, faculty, staff, and students have asked for several years that community leaders tackle this issue, and

Whereas, the compilation of feedback through surveys and additional locations is a complex issue, and

Whereas, teacher evaluations are not mandatory, but historically have been completed, in their entirety, by a large portion of students, therefore

Be it resolved by the Student Senate of the University of New Hampshire, in conjunction with the Teacher Evaluation Committee in Faculty Senate, to create two additional questions for UNH teacher evaluations\(^3\), and

Be it further resolved to implement these questions no later than the Fall 2017 Evaluation Cycle.

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\(^1\) Reference to the UNH Strategic Plan
\(^2\) Reference to the UNH Strategic Plan
\(^3\) Proposal Question Language

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a. Question X: If an office such as Health Services, the Counseling Center, DSS, SHARPP, or a similar office recommended a modification for you in this class, did your professor create a reasonable accommodation? (Fill in the bubble according to the current formatting of teacher evaluation questions)

b. Question Y: Was the professor able to create and maintain an environment of personal academic respect for each student, regardless of their social identity? (Yes or No)
Senate Action: Passes Unanimously
Speaker Verification: