

**IDEA Motion**

The Faculty Senate Budget Committee recommends that the Faculty Senate call for a comprehensive University review of the IDEA as the University-wide instrument for student evaluation of instruction. This review should be designed to determine, in a timely fashion, if there is a more effective, less costly alternative and whether or not IDEA should be continued.

**Rationale:**

Less than one-third of courses at Eastern Kentucky University are evaluated by IDEA, yet administration of the form absorbs about three-fourths of the budget of the Office of Institutional Research. Faculty perceive that the instrument lacks consistency and believe there are serious questions about its cost, appropriateness, and usefulness for providing meaningful feedback that can actually help improve instruction. Its value for trend analysis is questionable as it is a non-random evaluation of courses and not a census. This is an important issue in light of accreditation requirements for valid, global measures of teaching effectiveness.