At its meeting of November 25, 2002 the Academic Senate passed the following Policy Recommendation presented by Michael Katz for the Professional Standards Committee.

**POLICY RECOMMENDATION**
**ADOPTION OF A NEW STUDENT EVALUATION OF TEACHING EFFECTIVENESS (SOTE) INSTRUMENT**

Whereas the Student Evaluation Review Board (SERB) has worked diligently and effectively for more than three years to develop and test a new Student Opinion of Teaching Effectiveness (SOTE) instrument; and

Whereas SERB reports to the Professional Standards Committee, and the Professional Standards Committee has monitored and reviewed SERB’s work and made revisions to the instrument; now be resolved

Resolved that the new, attached SOTE instrument be adopted for use beginning in Fall 2003, replacing the current SOTE instrument; be it further

Resolved that summary statistics for the SOTE items shall include the median; be it further

Resolved the results of items 16 and 17 not be provided to instructors and departments, but that this information should be provided only to SERB for further analysis; and be it finally

Resolved that results from the analysis of items 16 and 17 be reported to the Senate by Professional Standards.

**ACTION BY UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT:** Approved by President Robert Caret on 1-7-03.