A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE RELEASE OF COURSE EVALUATIONS

WHEREAS, Every semester students evaluate their Professors based on a set of questions provided by the department; AND

WHEREAS, After taking this evaluation, students never get to see results in the aggregate; AND

WHEREAS, Seeing course evaluations would be useful to students when selecting courses for future semesters; AND

WHEREAS, A resolution is going in front of SACUA as an action item to release student evaluations; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

RESOLVED, We support the SACUA resolution with the following language

“Whereas representatives of Student Governance have requested timely release of course evaluation ratings from university sources, and

Whereas course evaluation records are retained and permanently archived by the central administration and are readily accessible for unit and departmental review, and

Whereas course evaluation records are accessible through requests under the Freedom of Information Act,

Therefore, the Senate Assembly, in its capacity as the legislative arm of the University Senate, approves timely release by the central administration of the summary numerical scores and response rates for the following questions about all university courses each year:

1. Overall, this was an excellent course.

2. Overall, the instructor was an excellent teacher.

3. I learned a great deal from this course.

4. I had a strong desire to take this course; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, We recommend the addition of the question “On average, how much time per week do you spend on this course?”; AND BE IT FINALLY

RESOLVED, That the Communications Committee send this resolution to the Provosts Office, Senate Advisory Committee on University Affairs (SACUA), The Record, Michigan Daily, and others seen fit.
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Yes: _____  No: _____  Abs: _____  Date: _______________________

Signature Necessary: ______  Signature Received By ____________________ : _____