

Executive Committee
Resolution on the Administration of
Online Student Evaluations
February 17, 2010

WHEREAS UCA has valued and sought excellence in teaching since its founding as the Arkansas State Normal School and later Arkansas State Teachers College;

WHEREAS teaching continues to be the faculty's primary duty upon which we are evaluated for promotion, tenure, advancement, and merit raises;

WHEREAS student teaching evaluations are one important tool for the formative development of teaching excellence;

WHEREAS the administration of student evaluations was moved online in order to save material costs and human administrative support;

AND WHEREAS 21% of the student body evaluated all eligible classes, 14% evaluated some of eligible classes, and 65% evaluated none of their eligible classes in the fall of 2009;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that a student's access to each current-semester course grade in classes eligible for online evaluation be blocked until the end of the evaluation period or until the student has evaluated the class or waived the right to evaluate it by means of an opt-out function;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the period of course evaluations for fall and spring semesters begin two weeks before the end of the teaching semester and extend until one week after the grade-submission deadline.