

Illinois Wesleyan University Student Senate
Resolution 2002-1

Whereas, Illinois Wesleyan University strives to provide a liberal education of high quality for all its students; and

Whereas, a liberal education of high quality should foster an atmosphere of clear communication and mutual respect among faculty, students, and administrators; and

Whereas, students view attempts to eliminate the direct viewing of student evaluations by members of the Promotion and Tenure Committee as contradictory to the aforementioned goals; and

Whereas, students offer a unique classroom perspective that cannot be experienced by anyone else in the promotion and tenure process; and

Whereas, members of the Promotion and Tenure Committee cannot completely capture the essence of student evaluations without directly viewing them and thus cannot make choices best suited to serve the academic interests of this university; and

Whereas, we recognize that there are concerns with the current usage of student evaluations of faculty; therefore be it

Resolved that direct viewing of student evaluations by members of the Promotion and Tenure Committee, when deemed necessary, is an integral part of a liberal education of high quality; and be it further

Resolved that a committee of students, faculty, and administrators should work towards addressing the current concerns regarding the use of student evaluations of faculty in the promotion and tenure process and that this same committee shall periodically review the process.