Dear Faculty Colleagues:

Faculty Senate Resolution 37.355, approved on May 11, 2020, affirmed support for the recommendations of the Student Course Evaluation Task Force, which was charged with reviewing and revising student course evaluations. These recommendations were also reviewed and approved by Provost Carol A. Fierke. As of this date, all student course evaluations will be administered online and managed by the Office of Institutional Effectiveness and Evaluation.

In an effort to standardize evaluation practices across the university, and based on recommendations from the Student Course Evaluation Task Force, there will be ten items included on all student course evaluations administered across the university (including all levels, campuses, locations, and modes of delivery) beginning with the Fall 2020 semester. The ten items and task force recommendations are posted here on the Faculty Senate website.

Both Provost Fierke and I want to assure you that colleges, departments, programs, and individual instructors will have the ability to include additional items to their respective student course evaluations and to use the information gathered through the evaluations as they see fit.
We want to thank the members of the Student Course Evaluation Task Force, along with the members of the Faculty Senate, for their efforts to review existing course evaluation practices and to develop standardized items to be implemented across the university. We hope that the information gathered from our students will guide efforts to continually review and strengthen the educational experience we provide for our students. Finally, we encourage the Faculty Senate to consider reviewing the usefulness of the standardized items every two to three years to ensure that we are eliciting valuable feedback from our students.

Sincerely,

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*Speaker, TAMU Faculty Senate, 2020-2021*