August 17, 2020

TO: Members of the Faculty Senate

FROM: Carol A. Fierke, Provost and Executive Vice President

RE: FS Resolution 37.355 – Affirming Faculty Senate support of the Student Course Evaluation Task Force Recommendation Report

Per Faculty Senate Resolution 37.355 affirming its support of the recommendations submitted to me by the Student Course Evaluation Task Force, and following my review of the recommendations included therein, the ten proposed items (attached) will be included on all student course evaluations administered across the university (including all levels, campuses, locations, and mode of delivery) as of the fall semester, 2020 (with a few notable exceptions as outlined in the recommendations). As of this date, all student course evaluations will be administered online and managed by the Office of Institutional Effectiveness and Evaluation.

In addition, in an effort to standardize practices across the university, and based on recommendations forwarded to me from the Student Course Evaluation Task Force and affirmed by the Faculty Senate, the attached procedures will be enacted as of the fall semester, 2020.

Let me 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 student course evaluations as they see fit.

I 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 practices and to develop standardized items to be implemented across the university. My hope is that by including common items across courses, as well as standardizing practices as well as practices, the information gathered from students will guide efforts to continually review and strengthen the educational experience we provide for our students. I also encourage the Faculty Senate to consider reviewing the usefulness of the standardized items every 2-3 years to ensure we are eliciting valuable feedback from our students.