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University System of Georgia Faculty Council

Issue of evaluating teaching effectiveness of faculty

1. Resolution:

The USGFC discourages the use of "student success rates" as a primary measure of teaching effectiveness in evaluating individual instructors, courses, and departments in the USG. In the current climate, the use of "student success rates" presents further pressure on instructors and institutions in the University System to lower standards to increase student graduation rate.

It is recommended that USG allow the USGFC to select a faculty task force to define teaching effectiveness. This USGFC task force will also develop metrics to evaluate teaching effectiveness.