



**VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
RESOLUTION 22-01**

A RESOLUTION TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE TOP THREE DEPARTMENTS ON CAMPUS WITH THE HIGHEST STUDENT OPINION OF INSTRUCTION RESPONSES.

Authored By: President Pro Tempore Carter, Senator Garrett, Director Pitts, Senator Ahmadu, Senator Nwigwe, and Senator Simpson

Sponsored By: Director Okojie, Senator Franklin, Senator Horner, Senator Ponder, Senator Rivas, and Senator Wallace

WHEREAS, it is the Responsibility of the Student Government Association (SGA) establish the official position of Valdosta State University (VSU) student body on important issues, to make certain that campus is a safe and inclusive place for the entire VSU student body;

WHEREAS, the Student Opinion of Instruction (SOI) is an outlet for students to offer feedback on their professors' performance as well as the overall classroom experience. SOIs also provide professors the opportunity to create questions to specifically critique their performance;

WHEREAS, students typically have a two-week window to complete their SOIs and are regularly informed about completing their SOIs. These submissions are anonymous, and the professors will never be made aware of who submits. This information is available to faculty and staff to better their performance;

WHEREAS, the importance of SOIs supplies the university with critiques from the students to improve the teaching styles of professors. It also acknowledges professors' positive impact on students' learning experience, it has the potential to enhance the professor's ability to accurately educate students;

WHEREAS, due to insufficient responses of students through SOIs, the SGA promoted SOIs by a social media campaign. This was to help improve the quality of learning environment at Valdosta State University. After this effort made by SGA and academic affairs as of fall 2021, the institutional response rate was 46.6% which is an increase of 6.5% over Fall 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Valdosta State University Student Government Association (SGA) wants to recognize these three Department Heads for encouraging students to be responsive and take part in the routine SOIs. This effort is reflected in their departments' percentages being the highest of fall 2021. First with Krishnendu Roy-Department Head of Computer Science with 66.4% of SOI response. Kurt Winkelmann-Department Head of Chemistry with a 63.0% SOI response. And finally, Michael Schmidt-Department Head of Art and Design with a 57.4% SOI response;

THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, SGA would like to thank all faculty and staff for their tremendous efforts in increasing the SOI response rate as well as helping teach Valdosta State University's student body.

For: 32 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Primary Mover: Senator Guingard

Secondary Mover: Parliamentarian Epper

APPROVED **DENIED** **VETOED**

Date: 3/7/2022

[Signature], Student Government Association President