

February 25, 2004

WHEREAS, the Student Union of Washington University feels that clear communication of course requirements, procedures, and expectations is an integral part of each course,

WHEREAS, the Student Union feels that this information should be disseminated through a course information document which could include any or all of the following: a course description, contact information, office hours, grading policies, course rules, procedures, and a syllabus,

WHEREAS, the Student Union appreciates and recognizes that some faculty currently provide a course information document for their courses,

WHEREAS, University College, the College of Arts and Sciences, and the Olin Business School all have publicly posted Faculty Guidelines and Expectations that include provisions for a course information document for each course,

WHEREAS, the Students of the Engineering School unanimously expressed their concern regarding the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences' lack of any type of policy about communicating course information to the students,

WHEREAS, the motion before the Faculty Assembly of the School of Engineering and Applied Science on February 6th, 2004 regarding course syllabi did not require that any specific information be included yet failed to pass with only four votes in favor,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Student Union of Washington University fully endorses and supports the work of the Engineering Student Body in its efforts to improve communication between professors and students,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Student Union of Washington University strongly urges the Engineering School's Faculty Assembly to reevaluate the motion regarding course information documents,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Student Union of Washington University strongly urges the Dean of the Engineering School to bring these concerns of the students forward and act to require course information documents at the beginning of all courses,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Student Union of Washington University strongly urges the Department Chairs of the Engineering School to act upon the students' request that a course information document be required in each course of the Engineering School,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Student Union of Washington University strongly urges the faculty of the Engineering School to provide a course information document for each course he or she instructs,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that current course information be provided to students at the beginning of each semester for each course in the Engineering School.

Signed:

Joseph S. Freedman—Resolution Sponsor

David J. Ader—Speaker of the Senate

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