

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, BAKERSFIELD  
ACADEMIC SENATE

SOCIs FOR SUMMER AND WINTER COURSES  
**RES 192003**

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**RESOLVED:** that the Academic Senate recommend to the President that SOCIs (Student Opinionnaires of Courses and Instruction) be required for courses offered in the summer and winter sessions and be included in faculty Personnel Action Files (PAFs) and Working Personnel Action Files (WPAFs), subject to contractual guidelines and the same exceptions as those in place during the academic year.

**RESOLVED:** that the Academic Senate recommend to the President the following *University Handbook* change to APPENDIX G: CONTENTS AND ORGANIZATION OF THE RTP FILE (WPAF); section I. 1) e.:

Additional teaching through Division of Extended Education and Global Outreach, including SOCI, ~~may~~ must be included in this section.

**RATIONALE:** Courses in summer and winter deserve the same attention to quality as those courses offered in the fall and spring semesters. Since these courses are offered under different circumstances than in the regular academic year (a reduced number of weeks) collecting student responses may provide insight into instruction unique to the accelerated format of the course. Also, there are a few courses that are only offered in the summer. SOCIs give opportunities to students to provide feedback, to faculty to learn from student comments, and to Deans and Department Chairs to gather information about the success of course offerings.

Furthermore, section 15.15 of the CBA states, "Written or electronic student questionnaire evaluations shall be required for all faculty unit employees who teach. All classes taught by each faculty unit employee shall have such student evaluations unless the President has approved a requirement to evaluate fewer classes after consideration of the recommendations of appropriate faculty

committee(s)." The CBA makes no mention of exceptions for summer and winter courses.

Furthermore, CBA Section 15.15 continues to say, "The results of these evaluations shall be placed in the faculty unit employee's Personnel Action File." Since the PAF is part of the faculty review process and accessible to Retention, Tenure and Promotion Unit Committees, inclusion of SOCIs in the WPAF is standard practice.

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