WHEREAS the University of Vermont Faculty Senate passed a Motion on Online Evaluations on April 9th, 2012 (FS2012-174) supporting the creation of an online course evaluation platform for UVM courses;

WHEREAS the University of Vermont Student Government Association passed a resolution supporting the revitalization and standardization of Academic Course Evaluations on November 18th, 2014 (SGA2014-04);

WHEREAS course evaluations at the University of Vermont are departmentally designed, managed, and controlled, while the myUVM student portal is a centrally managed information portal used to disseminate curriculum, grade and advising information;

WHEREAS course evaluations conducted at the culmination of a course enable students to best reflect on the entire course experience, after all coursework has been completed and all instructor feedback received;

WHEREAS online course evaluations experience reduced student participation rates because of technical or procedural obstacles, or because the collection platforms are unfamiliar to respondents;

WHEREAS a BANNER/myUVM integrated course evaluation platform would allow for the seamless capture of respondent characteristics that would provide greater insight into how students receive courses offered at the University of Vermont;

BE IT RESOLVED that the University of Vermont Faculty Senate supports the implementation of a BANNER/myUVM integrated departmentally controlled course evaluation platform;

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the anonymity of respondent submissions will be maintained in all presented results with specific attention to semantic security limiting multi-dimensional response parsing to only include sub-populations with a minimum number of five collected responses from that sub-group;

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that such a platform will make available the course questionnaire to students at the beginning of the final exam period for students to complete up until being able to view their final course grade, and that a prompt will ask students if they would like to opt out or in to completing the evaluation;

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that if the student opts to complete the course evaluation, this will occur before the final grade is viewable ensuring that students must complete the course evaluation before their grade is viewable through the online portal during the two week period beginning the morning of the first scheduled final exam block;

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that functional units or departments on campus are under no obligation to use this integrated platform for course evaluations, and that the determination to do so rests with the governance structures in place within each functional unit/department;

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that this platform places full autonomy and control of the questions, responses and managed access to the responses solely with the functional units or departments on campus currently responsible for managing course evaluations;

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that any implemented system would include data access and access attempt auditing to maintain verifiable integrity over the departmentally controlled responses to these course evaluations.