

Evaluation Book Would Be Helpful  
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The Undergraduate Student Government is working on a project that helps put the relationship between faculty and students into proper perspective.

Students are paying to be here while the faculty are paid to be here. This means students are consumers and in most businesses, the consumer is the one whose desires are catered to.

The USG plan involves putting together a booklet of faculty evaluations to enable students to choose classes based on a “grade” that the faculty member received from past students.

The evaluation booklet will include positive and negative comments and a rating of the teacher’s overall performance.

This way, students do not have to enroll in a class without having any knowledge of what their instructors are really like, and this is only fair.

Students are paying a lot of money for their education and have a right to know what a teacher is like before committing themselves to taking a course.

This is not an idea totally original to USG. Similar procedures exist at schools as prestigious as Harvard and Princeton, and work effectively according to Kraig Baker, USG Academic Affairs Coordinator.

We are sure there are many faculty members who strongly disagree with the proposed USG evaluation booklet. But it seems that those are probably the ones who are afraid the results will severely decrease the number of students who enroll in their classes.

There are some faculty members who give unreasonable tests, have a poor attendance record, display an incomplete grasp of a subject, fail to prepare adequately for class or just don’t seem to care about their students.

It is these faculty members that students have a right to be warned about so that they are not entering into a course with no notion of what to expect.

Quality teachers have nothing to fear.