Resolution 97-12. Regarding Distribution of Student Responses to the Carolina Course Review.

The Faculty Council resolves:

Section 1. The Educational Policy Committee is directed to consider and make recommendations to the Faculty Council about the advisability of providing student evaluations of classes on the Internet. Until that report is presented, course evaluations now provided on the Internet should be accessible only by users of the campus email system.

Sec. 2. This resolution is effective upon adoption.

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Comment: According to the current agreement with faculty members who participate in the Carolina Course Review, the summary of student responses is public information. Previously, the summaries were printed and made available to students through the office of the president of the student body, but relatively few copies of the Review were available. At the request of the student body president's office, and with permission from the chair of the faculty, summaries currently also are accessible on the Internet. Some faculty, however, have expressed concern that such broad accessibility could result in misuse. Student representatives say they would be satisfied with having the information accessible only to people who have access to the campus email system.