



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LOS ANGELES

Optional Exclusion of the *Student Opinion Survey on Instruction (SOS)* Administered During Spring 2020 ([Faculty Handbook, Chapter V](#))

Legislative History:

On March 11, 2020, Cal State LA announced the suspension of in-person classes and provided direction to faculty to move to “alternative methods of instruction” including “fully online” which raised concerns among faculty regarding the potential negative impact of change in teaching modality on their student evaluations. On March 12, 2020, on behalf of the Academic Senate (and as outlined in the Constitution, Article IV, Section 7.A.6), the Senate Executive Committee took immediate action and voted on this recommendation to ensure that faculty have the option to exclude any SOSs obtained Spring 2020 from future evaluations.

Resolved: That faculty be permitted, at their option, to exclude any SOS results obtained during Spring 2020 from future evaluations.

Rationale: As a result of the Covid-19 epidemic reaching Los Angeles County, Cal State LA suspended (on March 11, 2020) in-person classes and directed that faculty move to “distributed” or “fully online” instruction. While these changes were instituted for good public health reasons, they will necessarily disrupt course pedagogy halfway through the semester. Many faculty have never before used those teaching modalities, and they may harbor concerns that the changes will negatively impact their student evaluations. This policy seeks to allow faculty to concentrate on course conversion and supporting their students unburdened by that particular fear.

ACTION BY UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT:

Signed and Approved on March 12, 2020 by President William A. Covino

Effective: Immediately