I. Scope

1.1 As part of the ongoing attempt to improve Dixie State University’s academic climate, the Faculty Senate has approved this resolution for professionalism in teaching.

1.2 The Faculty Senate recommends the following:

1.2.1 Use class time wisely—begin on time, avoid interruptions, and end on time.

1.2.2 Use departmental options to cover teacher absences including:

   1.2.2.1 Substitute teachers

   1.2.2.2 Exams

   1.2.2.3 Assignments in library

   1.2.2.4 Meaningful out-of-class assignments

   1.2.2.5 ASC support services

1.2.3 Use current teaching strategies, texts, and other classroom materials to promote state-of-the-art instruction.

1.2.4 Promote an atmosphere in which students are treated impartially, regardless of race, gender, creed or disability.

1.2.5 State course and grading requirements in a syllabus and discuss these requirements as completely as possible at the beginning of each semester.

1.2.6 Take roll to facilitate administrative and financial requirements regarding student attendance and withdrawal.

1.2.7 Return student assignments with helpful feedback and as soon as possible.

1.2.8 Provide meaningful grading opportunities and feedback to students before the drop deadline.
1.2.9 Give final exams during the scheduled time periods unless compelling reasons exist for using other evaluative measures. Exceptions must be approved by the division dean.

1.2.10 Administer teacher evaluations by students on a regular basis.

1.2.11 Submit final grades on time.

1.2.12 Faculty should also stay current in individual disciplines by:
   1.2.12.1 Taking additional course work
   1.2.12.2 Attending professional conferences
   1.2.12.3 Doing and publishing research
   1.2.12.4 Consulting in discipline
   1.2.12.5 Subscribing to professional journals

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