**Appendix 1**

**Welsh Coal Mining 150**

**STUDENT SURVEY – WINTER 2013**

Dear students:

The Welsh Coal Mining (WCM) department is applying for a **course materials fee** to be applied to the 5-unit laboratory course, WCM 150, which now offered to coal mining majors each year. This course was designed to improve student learning and enhance student enthusiasm about coal mining. Specifically, students are given opportunities to participate in innovative research projects and experience the process of scientific discovery. This course fulfills a departmental graduation requirement for coal mining majors.

The high cost of the research associated with this course along with increasing enrollment has made it difficult for the department to sustain all of the costs. Therefore, the department can no longer ensure the high quality of this expensive, discovery-based research course unless a fee is assessed.

Due to this, the WCM department is asking that the School of Coal Mining assess a $40 fee to students who enroll in WCM 150.

The department is seeking feedback on the value of your experience in this class**.** Your responses are anonymous and will be collated for presentation to the Student Fee Advisory Committee (SFAC).

Please vote for one of the following two options:

\_\_\_\_\_ Option 1: I can support assessment of a $40 fee if this will allow WCM to offer a state-of-the-art discovery-based laboratory course that would provide a more rewarding and enjoyable educational experience for coal mining majors and for others who enroll in WCM 150.

\_\_\_\_\_ Option 2: I cannot support assessment of a $40 fee even if it means the department will no longer be able to offer 150 as a research option for coal mining majors to fulfill departmental graduation requirements.

Additional Comments:

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Thank you for your time and feedback!

Other additional questions that could be asked:

* Do you think the educational benefits received from participating in WCM 150 are worth the financial costs of the course? Why or why not?
* Please briefly describe your experience during WCM150. How was this experience different from other similar courses that you have taken in the past?
* Would you recommend this course to future students? Why or why not?
* If you wish to provide additional comments in the space below, please do so.