

Class C Resolution Concerning General Class Room Assignment

WHEREAS the education of students on the campuses of the University of Washington is, has been, and will continue to be a key component of the teaching mission and one of the reasons for state support, and

WHEREAS the Master Plan anticipates an increase in undergraduate matriculation of 8000 students (20%) on the Seattle Campus by 2028, and

WHEREAS planning for facilities to assure the success of our core teaching mission is best done on time scales of 10 and 100 years, and

WHEREAS the number of general assignment classrooms on the Seattle Campus has systematically lagged behind enrollment for at least a decade, and

WHEREAS the pending improvement in the utilization of existing general assignment classrooms is not likely to provide adequate classroom space in and after 2028 due to enrollment growth, and

WHEREAS future general assignment classroom space must be situated in reasonable proximity to allow students to move from one room to another in ten minutes to ensure efficient utilization of capital assets, and

WHEREAS faculty are generally very concerned about the proximity of classrooms to their offices,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate of the University urge the Provost

TO identify and protect building sites in the central part of the Seattle Campus and similarly functional sites at other campuses for future buildings to satisfy long-term needs for general assignment classroom seating, and

TO modify the Master Plan for the Seattle Campus presently under consideration for adoption in 2017 by the Regents and the City of Seattle so as to assure that the construction of buildings on these sites will undergo a special review for long-term impact on education before any use of the site is approved.

Approved by:
Senate Executive Committee
January 9, 2017

Approved by:
Faculty Senate
March 2, 2017