

A RESOLUTION ON CONSTRUCTION OF NEW ACADEMIC FACILITIES (06/4)

WHEREAS, investment in new academic facilities and programming is an investment in the future of students and faculty advancing the Institution's Strategic Goals for Academic Excellence, enhancing connections to external partners, improving the Institution's ability to compete with peer institutions, attracting benefactors, and expanding the endowment, and;

WHEREAS, the Administration recognizes the opportunities created by investment in new academic facilities and, consistent with this recognition, has identified four schools (SEAS, SPHHS, GSEHD, Law) and two centers (Science, Cancer) in need of new/expanded academic space, and;

WHEREAS, the approval of a new campus plan is pending and a Science Center¹ was identified earlier by the faculty as the top priority for investment among future academic projects (Senate Resolution 04/1), it is timely for the faculty to prioritize the programmatic needs for new facilities among the identified Schools and Cancer Center, and;

WHEREAS, the operations of the Institution in the main University and in the Medical Center are budgeted separately, it is appropriate to prioritize separately the need of each for new academic facilities, and;

WHEREAS, the Physical Facilities Committee of the Faculty Senate, charged with studying the programmatic needs of the identified Schools and Cancer Center, has completed this study and concluded that the magnitude of need is greatest in SEAS, followed by SPHHS and GSEHD with no decisive differences between the latter two, and that need in the Law School and Cancer Center is comparatively lesser, and;

WHEREAS, The Council of Deans and the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate have reviewed both the data available to and the conclusions reached by the Physical Facilities Committee and have expressed confidence in these conclusions, **NOW, THEREFORE,**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FACULTY SENATE OF THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY:

That solely on the basis of programmatic needs:

1. ~~That~~ The Faculty Senate endorses investment in new facilities for SEAS as the priority second to a Science Center among future academic construction projects on the University side of the Institution, and;
2. That GSEHD assumes the priority second to a Science Center among future academic construction projects on the University side of the Institution if SEAS is accommodated in the Science Center as planned, and;

¹ present working name is Science and Engineering Complex

3. That SPHHS is the top priority among future academic construction projects on the Medical Center side of the Institution, and;
4. That existing, single use academic space that becomes available as programs transition into the new Science Center will be offered temporarily to GSEHD and SPHHS while these Schools await new facilities, and;-
- ~~5. That the emphasis of advancement activities for new academic construction on the University side of the Institution should be in support of the Science Center, SEAS, and GSEHD and that the emphasis of advancement activities for new academic facilities on the Medical Center side of the Institution should be in support of the SPHHS.~~

Physical Facilities Committee
November 27, 2006

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