

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONCERN ABOUT AND REQUESTING JOINT SENATE AND ADMINISTRATION REVIEW OF THE RECENT CLASSROOM SHORTAGE (04/4)

WHEREAS, the Scheduling Office has very recently rejected significant parts of class schedules proposed by some academic departments, that have been in their hands since mid-July, and directed numerous departments in several schools to either cancel or reschedule a set of classes identified as ones to which they have not been able to assign a classroom at the requested day/time/campus; and

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Planning and Budgeting Committee has in its Budget reports in recent years noted the strong likelihood of this sort of classroom crisis, due to a confluence of rapidly rising undergraduate enrollments and a declining stock of available mid-size classrooms, combined with an apparent unwillingness on the part of University administration budget authorities to plan and invest appropriately to meet the challenges of providing an adequately increased supply of classrooms, repeatedly asserting that more efficient use of our existing facilities would resolve these problems; and

WHEREAS, this recent experience shows clearly that there still exists an inadequate supply of classrooms to meet the desires and needs of academic departments to schedule courses at certain times/days, despite recent radical restructuring of the time-bands to achieve greater efficiency of use of existing resources; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

(1) That the Faculty Senate requests that the President direct a high-level review of the recent classroom shortage and of plans to remedy this situation no later than Fall 2005 and in future semesters, such review to be conducted with the participation of faculty designated by the Faculty Senate, the results of this review to be reported to the Senate before the Fall 05 Schedule of Classes is to be established; and

(2) That the Faculty Senate requests that a joint subcommittee be constituted by the Chairs of the Committee on Physical Facilities, on Educational Policy, and Fiscal Planning and Budgeting, and designates this Joint Subcommittee to participate in the Administrative review requested in the preceding paragraph.

Respectfully submitted,

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