

DRAFT: April 21, 2017

RESOLUTION
by the Faculty Senate
of the University of Idaho

WHEREAS the University of Idaho Faculty Senate is empowered to act for the university faculty in all matters pertaining to the immediate government of the university;

WHEREAS members of the faculty have raised concerns about the decline in the number of classrooms available for instructional purposes;

WHEREAS the Registrar's Office confirms that since 2008, the Moscow campus has experienced a net loss of 46 general-use classrooms, containing 1,416 seats;

WHEREAS many of these classrooms have been converted to administrative offices or become department-controlled rooms, unavailable for scheduling by the Registrar's Office;

WHEREAS to achieve the enrollment goals outlined in the University's strategic plan, the Moscow campus must provide sufficient classrooms to accommodate current and future students;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate calls upon the Provost/Executive Vice President and Vice President of Infrastructure to impose a moratorium on conversion of general-use classrooms to non-instructional purposes until such space can be replaced in comparable configurations;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate directs the Facilities Scheduling Policy Committee to exercise its duties, as outlined in Section 1640.40 of the *Faculty-Staff Handbook*, and to assert the faculty's intent to protect, expand and enhance instructional spaces.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the chair of the Facilities Scheduling Policy Committee be directed to report to the Faculty Senate on this issue no later than the fourth Senate meeting of the 2017-2018 academic year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Faculty Secretary shall send copies of this resolution to the President, Provost, vice presidents, deans and Facilities Management staff.

ADOPTED this 25th day of April, 2017.

Signed:

Attest:

Elizabeth Brandt, Chair of the Senate

Donald Crowley, Faculty Secretary