

RESOLUTION

Insisting on the Rescission of Space Allocation Plans and the Adoption of a Shared Governance Model for Space Allocation

Adopted by the Faculty Senate February 10, 2012

Whereas, “as a public institution, Florida Gulf Coast University eagerly accepts the leadership opportunity and obligation to adapt to these changes and to meet the educational needs of Southwest Florida. To do so, it will collaborate with its various constituencies, listen to the calls for change, build on the intellectual heritage of the past, plan its evolution systematically for the twenty-first century, and be guided by the following principles:

Student success is at the center of all University endeavors. The University is dedicated to the highest quality education that develops the whole person for success in life and work. Learner needs, rather than institutional preferences, determine priorities for academic planning, policies, and programs” (FGCU Guiding Principles); and

Whereas, “[FGCU] strives to make available its knowledge resources, services, and educational offerings at times, places, in forms and by methods that will meet the needs of all its constituents” (FGCU Guiding Principles); and

Whereas, “The University practices the art of collective learning and collaboration in governance, operations, and planning”; and

Whereas, “Assessment of all functions is necessary for improvement and continual renewal. The University is committed to accounting for its effectiveness through the use of comprehensive and systematic assessment. Tradition is challenged; the status-quo is questioned; change is implemented” (FGCU Guiding Principles); and

Whereas, “Student success is at the center of all University endeavors” (FGCU Master Plan Guiding Principles); and

Whereas, computing and telecommunication requirements can be met remotely; and

Whereas, student success requires access to faculty; and

Whereas, the modular office has two years left on its anticipated lifespan of ten years; and

Whereas, there are likely no new buildings to be constructed within the next four years for FGCU;

Whereas, the modular offices do not have hot water, are cockroach infested, and have leaking ceilings; therefore,

The Faculty Resolves: to register its intense dissatisfaction with the space allocation decision regarding Ben Hill Griffin Hall and strongly requests that the FGCU administration rescind its current decision, and convene an inclusive, collaborative process including Faculty, Staff, Student, and Administrative representatives and that will rapidly and effectively determine allocation of space in keeping with the FGCU values and the principles of meaningful shared governance.