Faculty Senate Resolution 522, as amended **Introduced by**
Faculty Senate Executive Committee

Resolution Regarding Shared Governance and Institutional Space Allocations

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WHEREAS recent instances of space allocation have resulted in substantial confusion and dissatisfaction among faculty, and

WHEREAS the space allocation process includes decisions about space used by individual faculty and space used as shared facilities within units and across the institution; and

WHEREAS physical spaces represent tangible resources for individual faculty, units, and colleges, and physical spaces typically entail substantial resource investments to suit them to their purposes; and

WHEREAS discontinuities in space availability disrupt a host of activities directly connected to the University mission including teaching, research, creative contributions, extension, and outreach; and

WHEREAS there has been a lack of timely consultation with faculty and units directly affected by individual instances of space allocation and with the faculty body regarding substantive changes to space allocation policies and practices; and

WHEREAS there has been opacity in long-term strategy for University space allocations; and

WHEREAS University Regulation 1-4 defines Shared Governance as "the process by which constituents contribute to decision making related to University policies and procedures." And that it further, "represents a philosophy and practice that brings to bear community expertise to inform deliberations and to shape actions;" and

WHEREAS University Regulation 6-7 highlights, "Stewardship of space resources is a joint effort between all University staff, faculty and student and relies upon everyone to ensure that space is used to support student success, foster collaborative research and promote positive work environments;" and

WHEREAS University Regulation 6-7 defines no explicit role for faculty during the space allocation process or the expectations for communications about space allocations to the faculty;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Faculty Senate of the University of Wyoming that it requests the President to review and reconsider the existing policies and practices to ensure a

more open, transparent process for all space allocations, one that aligns with regulations and ultimately with the spirit of the University model of Shared Governance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate requests participation in the space allocation process including representation on the Space Allocation Committee to 1) offer Faculty insight, perspectives, and suggestions and 2) to facilitate formal and informal communication of actions, requests, and considerations between the Faculty and the Committee.

Authentication: *The foregoing Faculty Senate Resolution 522, duly adopted as amended by the Faculty Senate of the University of Wyoming on November 2, 2026, is hereby transmitted to the President of the University for review in accordance with UW Regulations.*

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November 3rd, 2026