

Ad Hoc Committee on the Determination of Class Size Report  
Senate Meeting: October 6, 2021

The committee met on 4/19, 4/26, and 5/5 at 10-11:30am and had a quorum present.

Combined Attendance: Wendell MX Cooper (Chair), Lynn Rosenberg, Karin Beck, Pamela Mills, Nadine Zerphey, Bella Frankel, Robert Farrell, Jaye Jones, Hyangmi Kim, Ramón Belliard, Kevin Sailor, Yvette Rosario, Althea Forde, Gladys Santos Maldoon, Susan Ko, Elgloria Harrison, Amy White, Carole Weisz

The committee began by determining there are currently no codified policies across the university for the determination of class size.

The committee, consisting of faculty, students, administrators, and staff, discussed what is working and not working in the process of determining class-size. Through a process of consensus building, this resolution was co-authored by committee members.

The interdependence of budget, workload, class size, and pedagogy became central to the discussion. Recommendations in the resolution aim to simultaneously address the need for a healthy budget, equitable workload for faculty, consideration for student experience, while centering sound pedagogy.

It was determined there are critical points of communication in the process that need attention for the process to be transparent and equitable. The resolution focuses on practical solutions to address this complex meeting of budget, faculty workload, student learning, and pedagogy.