

COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL STUDENT SENATE

Resolution to Amend the Room Reservation Policy

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WHEREAS the student body has long benefited from the ability to reserve rooms in the law school for a variety of purposes including quiet study, group study and organized events,

WHEREAS the Columbia Law School administration is legitimately concerned that this system was prone to abuse,

WHEREAS the Columbia Law School administration has recently established a new policy restricting law school room reservations to student group leaders,

WHEREAS maintaining the new policy will require many students to travel elsewhere, at various times of the day and night, in search of alternate space,

WHEREAS the student body is legitimately concerned about this change of policy and believes it will hinder group coordination, efficiency and productivity,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED it is the sense of the Columbia Law School Student Senate that the administration should reconsider its current room reservation policy,

FURTHER the Student Senate proposes the following guidelines for the administration's consideration:

- a) Room reservations shall require a minimum of three persons and be limited to four hours per group per day,
- b) During exam and study periods, at least one larger lecture hall shall be designated for quiet study,
- c) All students may reserve rooms, provided they clearly note the participants, duration and purpose of their request, and
- d) This resolution shall not apply to the following rooms: Jerome Greene Hall rooms 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, and 107, and William and June Warren Hall L107, which shall be designated for either quiet study or group study by Student Services, subject to reservations by student organizations, and

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- e) Students requesting rooms for personal study group use will only be able to reserve rooms up to two weeks in advance, and

FURTHER the Student Senate shall, once Student Services has revised its room reservation policy, publicize this policy to the student body, and

FURTHER the Student Senate requests that the administration designate appropriate staff to post a hard copy of the room schedule at each reservable room on a daily basis, and

FURTHER the Student Senate requests that Student Services, at its earliest convenience, inform the student body of how to view rooms available for its use and reservation.