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

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

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