

1 Senate Resolution

2 SR-2016/2017-3

3 Optimal Class Size

4 **Whereas** UAH is experiencing increases in enrollment without a corresponding increase
5 in instructional faculty, and

6 **Whereas** faculty workload can be adversely affected by increasing the number of
7 students in a course, and

8 **Whereas** class size can have a potentially negative impact on student success in a course,
9 and

10 **Whereas** the goal of student retention requires individual attention to student
11 performance, and

12 **Whereas** many disciplines, most notably writing intensive ones, have pedagogical
13 reasons for limiting class size, and

14 **Whereas** Deans and Chairs are being asked to increase class sizes to the limits of the
15 classroom without any regard for the effect this has on faculty, students, or pedagogical
16 principles,

17 **Be it resolved** that optimal class sizes should be determined by departmental faculty in
18 accordance with disciplinary standards rather than be dictated by room size.

19 **Be it further resolved** that any substantial increase in class sizes or any increase that
20 entails changes in pedagogical practices should be subject to faculty review through the
21 UAH Faculty Senate's Curriculum Committee.