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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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