



MEMORANDUM

To: Dr. Katia Passerini, Provost and Executive Vice President, Seton Hall University

From: Faculty Senate, Seton Hall University

**Re: University Club Resolution
2021 – FS 33**

Date: November 22nd, 2021

On November 19th, 2021 the Faculty Senate voted to approve a resolution regarding the University Club

Whereas the University Club has been permanently relocated.

Whereas the University Club in its previous location was a vital center of faculty life allowing for socialization and the establishment of collegial bonds across departments and colleges, which is crucial to any university.

Whereas the University Club served an essential function in providing an attractive venue for departments and programs to host distinguished guests, including invited speakers and job candidates.

Whereas separate dining rooms designated for the use of faculty and staff are a common standard at universities throughout the United States.

Whereas the new space designated for faculty dining in the Galleon Room is not comparable to the previous space and will not be able to serve the same essential functions. Specifically, the new space is inadequate with regard to:

- Privacy. The barriers that have been erected to fence off the faculty and staff area, if anything, only make things worse in that they draw attention to the separate space.
- Convenience. Food options in the Galleon Room are spread over a large area and table clearing services are not provided. The time required to serve oneself in the new facility is greatly increased.
- Aesthetics. The Galleon Room is an unattractive space that looks and feels like a school cafeteria. It is not an appropriate venue to host guests and job candidates at the University; and it is too noisy for working lunches.

Whereas the relocation of the University Club has resulted in the end of faculty and staff dining as it has existed on campus for decades.

Whereas sixty-five members of Seton Hall's faculty and staff have signed a petition urging the administration to reconsider its decision to relocate the University Club.

Be it resolved that the Faculty Senate finds the current arrangement regarding the relocation of the University Club unacceptable and urges the administration to seriously consider alternatives including restoring the University Club to its previous location on the second floor of the University Center. The Senate also asks the Academic Facilities Committee to continue negotiations with the administration to arrive at a more appropriate arrangement and to report back to the Senate on its progress.

Received by:

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Dr. Mary Balkun, Chair, Faculty Senate, Seton Hall University