

Welfare Committee consideration: February 2019
Faculty Senate consideration: March 2019

Topic: “Creation of Clemson University Club, for faculty and staff”

Whereas, Clemson faculty recently identified “facilities and resources” as one of the top 5 ways to improve the workplace at Clemson University in the 2018 COACHE survey; and

Whereas, a space dedicated to faculty and staff encompasses the four pillars of ClemsonForward: Research, Engagement, the Academic Core and the Living Environment; and

Whereas, Clemson University does not have a dedicated space for faculty and staff that will facilitate research collaborations within and across departments; and

Whereas, a dedicated space will serve the needs of groups looking to hold small academic gatherings on campus, thus improving engagement across disciplines and fields; and

Whereas, a dedicated space for collaboration in support of the academic core will support opportunities for faculty and staff to create integrated teaching and learning opportunities; and

Whereas, a dedicated space would be a place to bring campus visitors and seminar speakers, will help with recruitment and retention as well as increase morale by highlighting the quality of working and living in Clemson; and

Whereas, the creation of dedicated space for faculty and staff has strong support from the University Staff Senate President; and

Whereas, while the Deans of the College of Business and Libraries have committed to supporting a short-term initiative that facilitates research collaboration and faculty and staff engagement, including two physical spaces, however, there is no long-term solution for a physical space to house a University Club; and

Whereas, The Campus Master Planner, has committed to support the short-term allocation of a dedicated space for a University Club in Sistine Hall, as well as support for efforts to establish a permanent University Club in the Long-Range Framework plan; and it is

Resolved, that Clemson University should have a University Club for faculty and staff.

This resolution will become effective upon approval by the majority of the Faculty Senate.