



## Resolution

Course Maximum Student Enrollment Limits  
Faculty Senate  
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Whereas, Class caps are maximum student enrollment limits specified for each class, and there is no institution-wide standard for class cap determinations in programs without specialized accreditation; and

Whereas, The oversubscription of certain courses results in reduced student engagement, retention and completion, and thus negatively affects state FTE funding and institutional performance measurements; and

Whereas, Class cap decisions that are not pedagogically driven have a serious impact on effective instructional delivery and can negatively impact safety conditions for students in Vocational Education and science laboratory classes; and

Whereas, A variety of professional organizations such as the American Chemical Society, American Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges and the National Council of Teachers of English have conducted discipline-specific studies justifying the establishment of class caps based on pedagogical concerns;

Resolved, The Faculty Senate for Luna Community College recommends that discipline faculty determine class caps for each of their courses in conjunction with their department directors and/or immediate supervisor and that a class cap overload will only be approved upon the signature of the specific discipline faculty or their designee.

Be it further resolved, that such determinations be based on pedagogical, specialized accreditation requirements and safety factors, such as (but not limited to) the methods of instruction, course modality, objectives and outcomes of the course and the assessment methods as established on the Course Master Syllabus.

Passed Unanimously by Faculty Senate on 1/7/14