

1 A Resolution to Support the Funding of the LITE Initiative

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5 WHEREAS the 2020 University Strategic Plan¹ states, “Align IT initiatives with the teaching
6 and research missions of the university” via Program “Improve the efficacy and increase the use
7 of classroom technology resources” (Strategic Priority 7, Goal 2, Objective 1), and
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9 WHEREAS the Faculty of the University of South Carolina in Columbia expressed its overall
10 dissatisfaction with the state of classroom technology via the 2019 Faculty IT Survey², and
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12 WHEREAS the Division of Information Technology developed LITE (Learn, Innovate, Teach,
13 Enhance)³, a five-year program aimed at the advancement of University teaching and learning
14 environments, and
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16 WHEREAS the Division of Information Technology, having received funding, upgraded
17 technology for approximately 100 classrooms during Year 1 of the LITE Initiative (FY20-21)⁴,
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20 WHEREAS, the University of South Carolina is committed to ensuring all students have equal
21 access to academic success and the LITE classroom upgraded technology includes Assistive
22 Listening Systems, and
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24 WHEREAS the Advisory Committee on Finance & Budget (ACFAB) did not approve continued
25 funding for the LITE Initiative for Year 2 (FY21-22), thereby halting progress toward further
26 classroom upgrades;
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28 Now, therefore, be it; RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate of the University of South Carolina
29 in Columbia, on behalf of its faculty that in the interest of advancing University teaching and
30 learning environments
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- 32 1. affirms the critical role high-quality classroom technology plays in teaching and learning;
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34 2. affirms the value of the upgraded classroom technology provided through the LITE in
35 Year 1 (FY20-21) of its five-year program; AND
36 3. calls upon the Advisory Committee on Finance & Budget (ACFAB) to resume funding
37 for the LITE Initiative in FY22-23 and succeeding years to complete the five-year
38 program to upgrade the technology in the University’s classrooms

¹ For South Carolina: A Path to Excellence. Available: https://www.sc.edu/docs/20-11521_university_of_south_carolina_strategic_plan.pdf

² Report on the 2019 Faculty IT Survey. Available: <https://scholarcommons.sc.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?filename=2&article=1154&context=facsenate&type=additional>

³ LITE Initiative. Available: <http://go.sc.edu/lite>

⁴ Upgraded Classrooms. Available: https://www.sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/division_of_information_technology/academic_technologies/lite_classroom_upgrades/upgraded_classrooms.php