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This resolution urges President Wagner and the Idaho State University administration to take deliberate action to significantly increase the number of in-person classes offered across all programs.

WHEREAS: many students have consistently voiced their dissatisfaction with the

limited in-person course offerings, stating that the lack of face-to-face

interaction has negatively impacted their ability to connect with

instructors, peers, and course material, thus undermining their educational

experience; and

WHEREAS: in-person learning offers unique benefits, including enhanced interaction

between students and instructors, increased opportunities for peer collaboration, and a supportive academic environment conducive to

student success; and

WHEREAS: student retention, academic achievement, and campus involvement are

directly tied to the availability of in-person classes; and

WHEREAS: the COVID-19 pandemic forced a shift to remote learning, but the

university now has the opportunity to restore and strengthen in-person learning opportunities to pre-pandemic levels to reinvigorate the student

experience; and

WHEREAS: the current emphasis on online courses has led to a significant reduction in

campus life, eroding the sense of community and engagement that is essential to both student success and ISU's identity as a leading

educational institution; and

- WHEREAS: Idaho State University must remain committed to delivering the highest standard of education, and in-person classes are a critical component in ensuring students receive the comprehensive, engaging academic experience they deserve;
- BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: the Associated Students of Idaho State University urges President Robert W. Wagner and all university administration to increase the availability of in-person classes across all programs, especially in those that currently offer few or limited options, while maintaining flexibility for online and hybrid offerings where appropriate.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED: copies of this resolution be distributed to the ISU President, Provost, Deans of Colleges, Department Chairs, Faculty Senate, and other relevant stakeholders to initiate collaborative efforts toward increasing in-person class offerings.

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