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Dear ITPB,

In the fall of 2012, the FCET met to discuss the current state of wireless connectivity in campus classrooms. During the meeting the committee learned that the campus has in the past installed wireless in public spaces on campus, but not explicitly in general assignment classrooms. This decision was based on the belief that faculty opposed wireless access in the classroom. While it may be true that the presence of wireless connectivity may distract students from their academic endeavors, we believe the benefits to both the faculty and students outweigh this challenge. The FCET last investigated this topic in 2008. Since that time, the committee's views on the topic have changed, along with the technical environment of the campus. We ask that the campus move forward to provide complete and robust wireless access to every seat in general assignment classrooms.

Sincerely,

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Chair, FCET