For consideration at March 14, 2014 FGCU Faculty Senate meeting:

Background: In early November, concerns came to the Full Senate by a Senator related to student congestion in Merwin Hall. The Officers of Senate noted that this would be an item for the Institutional Affairs Team to examine and the concern was forwarded to the IAT.

The FGCU Senate supports the work and recent document approved by the PBC by FGCU’s Physical Space coding assessment committee’s (PSCAC) related to furniture replacement guidelines.

Additionally, the IAT notes that several academic buildings (Reed, Whittaker, Ben Hill Griffin, Merwin and the 4th Floor of the Library) have inadequate seating in the hallways, where space is appropriate. All plans must be approved by the Fire Marshall and meet ADA requirements. Therefore, the Senate’s IAT moves that FGCU Faculty Senate requests that allocation of funding is secured to acquire furniture (benches) for the common areas, (especially hallways) for the spaces identified as soon as possible.