

STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION 2018-142

TITLE: Resolution Supporting Student Government and the Provost's Extended Study of Library and Study Space Usage and Thanking the Provost

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SPONSORS: Senate President Pro-Tempore Michael Murphy, Chairwoman Libby Shaw, Chairwoman Dunson, Chairwoman Katie Hernandez, Chairman Clay Hurdle, Chairwoman Audra Weeks, Senators Meryl Jones, Cooper Brown, Andrea Rangel, Anmol Shah, Sarah Abraham, and Will Sandifer

WHEREAS, the University of Florida is a preeminent university in the Florida State University System; and,

WHEREAS, in 2017, U.S. News ranked the University of Florida as ninth among public schools in the country; and,

WHEREAS, the University of Florida and the University of Florida Foundation subsequently launched the Go Greater Campaign as an effort to reach the Top Five; and,

WHEREAS, students need greater access to resources in order to succeed with difficult course loads; and,

WHEREAS, 24/7 access to a study-space can be important for some students as they complete assignments and study for exams; and,

WHEREAS, Newell Hall is a non-academic building that serves as a dedicated study space; and,

WHEREAS, Library West is an academic building and library that includes research materials and other media, and requires a staff of librarians and research assistants; and,

WHEREAS, Newell Hall is a 24/7 study space funded by Student Government; and,

WHEREAS, Newell Hall has a lower capacity than Library West; and,

WHEREAS, Student Government is funding new furniture to ensure that Newell Hall has the capacity to meet the demand of students on a typical night based on a previous study; and,

WHEREAS, in order to ensure that the necessary space is available for all students, the Provost has committed to an extended study that will monitor usage of study spaces; and,

WHEREAS, the goal of this study is for the Provost to determine whether it will be necessary to fund a 24/7 library; and,

WHEREAS, libraries and other academic buildings are supervised by the Office of the Provost, and Newell Hall, a non-academic building, is funded by Student Government; and,

WHEREAS, Student Government will be funding the first year of overnight hours with a reserve transfer for the 2018-2019 fiscal year; and,

WHEREAS, the Office of the Provost has committed to fund Library West for the following two years beginning in the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate is committed to the university's goal of becoming a Top Five public institution.

THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes that a 24/7 study space is invaluable to some students as they strive for academic success.

THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate is grateful to Provost Glover and the Office of the Provost for their commitment to students and for funding this study and the efforts of Student Body President Ian Green to find a collaborative solution.

 Danielle Grosse 9/12/18

Danielle Grosse
Senate President

Date

Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to Dr. Joseph Glover, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs; Judith Russell, Dean of University Libraries; Dean of Students Heather White; University of Florida President Kent Fuchs; Dr. David W. Parrott, Vice President for Student Affairs; and Student Body President Ian Green.