

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2018-1089

TITLE: Allocation of Reserves to Library West for the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year

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SPONSORS: Budget and Appropriations Committee

AMOUNT: \$160,000.00

Support for Library West to Operate at 24/7

Background: Library West is a staple of the university with numerous undergraduate and graduate students utilizing the space to support their academic needs. Library West was given the necessary funding to operate at 24/7 for the remainder of the 2017-2018 academic year starting in January 2018. During this time, a research study was conducted to get an understanding of the building's overnight utilization. The study showed that while Library West is utilized during the overnight hours, it is not currently utilized to its maximum potential. The reserves transfer would go towards hiring of TEAMS employees (\$83,200), student assistants (\$16,960), dynamic security (\$54,400), and overtime for custodians (\$5,440) in order for the Library to operate 24/7.

Intent: To effectively provide a library that gives all Gators the necessary time flexibility to succeed in their academic endeavors. As the University of Florida strives to become a Top 5 Public Institution, our students deserve the opportunity to utilize a 24/7 library and demonstrate the need for sustained 24/7 library access.

Proviso: This allocation is a one-time reserve transfer that will exhaust at the end of the fiscal year on June 30th, 2019. Library West will receive funding for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 Fiscal Years from the Office of the Provost. The Office of the Provost will coordinate an extensive research study of overnight usage of the building during this time. After the conclusion of the 2020-2021 fiscal year, the Office of the Provost will review the results of the study to see if there has been a sustainable increase in the utilization of Library West during overnight hours to determine if it warrants ongoing funding.