

**SGA Resolution No. 01-08-F**



**A Resolution to allocate space to the Disabled Student Services Testing Center**

Whereas: The number of students being accommodated by Disabled Student Services (DSS) each academic year rises an average of approximately 5-10% and disabled students account for approximately 3.5% of the student population,

Whereas: MTSU asks Disabled Student Services to be responsible for the testing of disabled students who cannot test in a normal classroom environment and need special accommodations making DSS responsible for giving 1000+ individualized tests each semester,

Whereas: There is not a centralized testing center that can accommodate the rising number of tests needed to be administered which has been an increasingly pressing need for at least 10 years,

Whereas: According to John Harris, director of DSS, the space that DSS currently uses for this type of testing includes their office on the first floor of the KUC, which has minimal space, rooms 132, 319, 325, and 423 in the library, and rooms that DSS must "beg, borrow, and steal,"

Whereas: The space that the department currently utilizes is not sufficient,

Whereas: The plans for the new Student Union Center do not include space allocation for DSS,

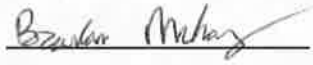
Whereas: The opening of the new Student Union Center will create vacancies in the Keathley University Center including in the areas now occupied by the Phillips Bookstore and the Post Office,

Whereas: The Space Advisory Committee, headed by Dr. K. Watson Harris, has recommended that space in the KUC be allocated for the use of a new central testing center,

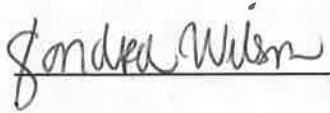
**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED BY THE 71st CONGRESS OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF MTSU THAT:**

**Section 1:** It be recommended by the student body that the president of the university and all appropriate parties approve the recommendation of the Space Advisory Committee to allocate vacancies in Keathley University Center to allow for the installation of a new central testing center.

Sponsored by: SGA President Sondra Wilson  
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RE: SGA Resolution 1-08-F

DATE: September 19, 2008

The attached SGA legislation recommends the construction of a testing center in the Keathley University Center to be used by Disabled Student Services.

The students have indicated that there is no identified space in the new student union for DSS testing center, and therefore, a need exists for space elsewhere on campus to accomplish this. They believe space vacated in the KUC would meet this need.

We generally ask the appropriate departments to provide some timely response to SGA legislation. In the immediate instance, I believe it would be appropriate for the Space Allocation Committee to review the SGA's recommendation. Please contact Sondra Wilson, SGA President, or Dr. Gene Fitch if you have any questions regarding this legislation.

c: Ms. Sondra Wilson  
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