

Resolution12-09-F

A resolution to require the James E. Walker Library to begin to determine the need and feasibility of 24 hour operations through surveys and a trial run in the fall 2009 semester.

WHEREAS: The top change to the operation of the James E. Walker Library desired by students, as reported to members of the Academic Affairs Committee, is to have the library open 24 hours.

WHEREAS: President McPhee's stated direction for MTSU is to have it recognized as a top academic university.

WHEREAS: Having a library that is open 24 hours would serve to differentiate the university out from competitors when promoting MTSU as a top academic university.

WHEREAS: The extent of the desire within the student body for a 24 hour library will be most effectively determined by a trial run of 24 hour operations and continued survey of the potential usage by students.

WHEREAS: The desire to take advantage of a 24 hour operation of the library will likely be most notable during midterms and finals.

WHEREAS: Any request by students to enhance their abilities to perform their academic work is a top priority item for the university as evidenced by its mission and the direction established by President McPhee.

WHEREAS: A verbal commitment from Dean Donald Craig of Library Services has been obtained, pending approval of funding from Administration for additional staffing during the overnight shifts.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED BY THE 72nd CONGRESS OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF MTSU THAT:

Section 1: The James E. Walker Library shall remain open from 7:30 a.m. on April 26th, 2010 until 10:00 p.m. on May 6th, 2010.

Section 2: The James E. Walker Library shall remain open from 7:30 a.m. of the Monday before mid-terms week until regular closing time on the last day of mid-terms week.

Section 3: Library Services and the SGA Senate's Academic Affairs Committee will hold a formal meeting no later than February 11th, 2010, to draft a final report which will include final recommendations.

Section 3: Library Services and the SGA Senate Academic Affairs Committee will create a final report with recommendations and present it to the Food Services Committee, the SGA president, the SGA Senate speaker, and to the full SGA Senate no later than the first full Senate session of October, 2010.

Section 4: The SGA Senate's Academic Affairs Committee will submit any required resolutions to the Senate speaker no later than 7 days after the first full Senate session of October, 2010.

Section 5: The SGA will submit a formal request for approval of the additional expenses that Library Services will require to fulfill the terms of this resolution.

Sponsored by: Senator Drew Dunlop
 Senator Brandon Thomas
 Senator Brenna McDaniel

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