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DEPAUW STUDENT GOVERNMENT

A Resolution Concerning the Availability of Study Spaces for Students

Resolution No. 1

WHEREAS- DePauw University encourages the attainment of academic excellence, study hours must be extended in Roy O. West Library, the Prevo Science Library, and the Music Library during the Midterm week period and the week before final exams. Extending study hours during the Midterm week will give students the ability to work around heavily concentrated exam periods and should ultimately result fewer course withdrawals. Given that many professors choose to assign final projects and papers due the week before final exams, as opposed to hosting a standard exam during the final examination period, it is imperative that these students have similar study access, given the similar nature and stress of these assignments.

WHEREAS- upper-level courses at DePauw are especially demanding, students should be given 24-hour access to the building of their major upon declaration. While 24 hour access may require additional security and building technology, 24 hour access immediately fosters community building within our intellectual communities. Expanding access to academic buildings after regular hours initiates more opportunities for student collaboration, creates more natural group study spaces, and permits students, especially senior students working on their thesis projects, a guaranteed quiet place to study at all hours of the day. Some students already have 24 hour access--for example, music students have 24 hour access to the GCPA and Senior Honor Scholars have 24 hour access to the Honors Building. We believe that every student at DePauw should have the same opportunities and access in realizing academic excellence.

WHEREAS- while we recognize that the PCCM and Union Building are open to students after regular hours, these buildings are not conducive to studying nor built for the purpose of studying. All students should have the ability to study at any time.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED- That Roy O. West Library, the Prevo Science Library, and the Music Library should have extended hours during the week of Midterms and the week prior to final examinations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED - That students should be given 24 hour access to the academic building housing their major.

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Senate Chamber:
Motioned by: Erika Killion

Representatives Chamber:
Seconded by: Sarah Dela Cruz

Aye 11

Aye 13

Nay 0

Nay 0

Abstain 0 Abstain 0

Attested by (DSG Secretary): Kate Porfilio

Attested by (DSG President): Craig Carter

Official signed copy is available upon request.