

**STUDENT SENATE BILL 2021-1050**

**TITLE: Resolution Supporting the Funding of a 24-hour Library at the University of Florida**

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**SPONSORS: Senator Olivia Green, Senator Hiba Karim, Senator Connor Panish, Minority Party Leader Gabrielle Adekunle, Deputy Minority Party Leader Faith Corbett**

**WHEREAS**, on July 6, 2016, it was announced that Library West would be open 24/7 thanks to funding from the Student Government [1]; and,

**WHEREAS**, the reported cost for funding a library to remain open for 24 hours is \$250,000 a year [2]; and,

**WHEREAS**, student activity fees are not used to fund academic buildings like libraries and the funding for a 24-hour library should come from tuition dollars managed by the university administration; and,

**WHEREAS**, since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, there are no 24-hour libraries at the University of Florida; and,

**WHEREAS**, over 750 students and counting have signed a petition demanding a space that has access to study rooms, computers and printers, which libraries can provide [3]; and,

**WHEREAS**, the University of Florida, as a top five public university, does not provide access for a 24-hour library whilst other state universities do; and

**WHEREAS**, the University of Florida has welcomed most of its student body back for in-person classes; then

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED** that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes the desire of the student body to have a 24-hour library.

**THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED** that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes the importance of having a 24-hour library for students to use for their scholarly activities.

**THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED** that the University of Florida Student Senate supports and urges UF administration providing the funding for the maintenance of a 24-hour library.

*Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to University of Florida President W. Kent Fuchs, Provost Joseph Glover, Dean of University Libraries Judith Russell, Senior Associate Dean Scholarly Resources & Services Patrick Reakes and Student Body President Cooper Brown*

[1] <https://news.hr.ufl.edu/uf-focus/library-west-to-open-247-in-the-fall-semester/>

[2]<https://www.alligator.org/article/2021/10/uf-24-hour-libraries>

[3][https://www.change.org/p/uf-administration-bring-back-24-7-libraries-at-uf?utm\\_content=cl\\_sharecopy\\_31230703\\_en-US%3A4&recruiter=1231939110&utm\\_source=share\\_petition&utm\\_medium=copylink&utm\\_campaign=share\\_petition](https://www.change.org/p/uf-administration-bring-back-24-7-libraries-at-uf?utm_content=cl_sharecopy_31230703_en-US%3A4&recruiter=1231939110&utm_source=share_petition&utm_medium=copylink&utm_campaign=share_petition)