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Resolution X-25-F. Resolution to Support an Administrative Commitment to Establish and Maintain an Accessible 24-Hour Space on Campus

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to support a University-Wide Pledge to Establish and Maintain an Accessible 24-Hour Space on Campus.

WHEREAS: Benchmark institutions across the commonwealth maintain at least one 24-hour or overnight study space open to all students, demonstrating a standard of accessibility that WKU does not currently achieve, and

WHEREAS: Western Kentucky University students frequently balance demanding academic, work, and extracurricular schedules that often require studying and conducting research beyond traditional building hours, particularly for non-traditional students, and

WHEREAS: The absence of a designated overnight study or research space has forced many students to work in unsafe or inconvenient environments, creating barriers to academic success, collaboration, and innovation, and

WHEREAS: Western Kentucky University has publicly expressed its goal of achieving R2: High Research Activity classification, yet currently lacks a 24-hour facility that enables students or undergraduate researchers to engage in sustained research, collaboration, and data analysis outside of standard operating hours, and

WHEREAS: Providing such a space aligns with the University's mission to foster academic excellence, student development, and a campus experience that meets the evolving needs of its students while also strengthening Western Kentucky University's academic reputation, research capacity, and competitive standing among benchmark institutions, and

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University support an Administrative Commitment to Establish and Maintain an Accessible 24-Hour Space on Campus.

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