

Student Senate

Resolution 90-26-R2

RESOLUTION TO EXTEND LIBRARY HOURS AND IMPLEMENT 24/7 STUDENT ACCESS

DATE: April 8, 2026

WHEREAS: Murray State University currently operates its library under limited hours that restrict student access to essential academic resources; and

WHEREAS: The University has historically provided extended and 24-hour library access during periods of high academic demand, establishing a precedent that expanded access can be successfully implemented to support student success; and

WHEREAS: The current practice of extending library hours only during final examinations does not reflect the consistent and ongoing academic demands students face throughout the semester; and

WHEREAS: Students across all disciplines, particularly those in academically intensive majors, require flexible access to study spaces that align with varying schedules, including evenings and weekends; and

WHEREAS: A significant portion of the student body depends on campus facilities for a quiet, safe, and academically productive environment that may not be available elsewhere; and

WHEREAS: Universities nationwide have adopted secure entry systems utilizing student identification cards to provide 24/7 facility access while maintaining safety and accountability; and

WHEREAS: Implementing a monitored card-access system would reduce the need for additional staffing while still ensuring that student presence is tracked and recorded; and

WHEREAS: Increasing accessibility to the library aligns with the University's commitment to student success, academic excellence, and equitable access to educational resources; therefore

LET IT BE RESOLVED: That the Student Government Association of Murray State University advocates for the expansion of library operating hours to better meet student needs; and



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LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED: That the University consider the implementation of 24/7 student access through a secure ID card entry system during non-operational hours; and

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED: That such a system include appropriate safety measures, including monitored entry and surveillance, to ensure the protection of both students and university property; and

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED: That this resolution be formally presented to University Administration, Library Services, and relevant campus departments for evaluation and potential implementation.

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