

Resolution SS0708-41

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ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
SEN. PEREZ

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**A RESOLUTION PROVIDING SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE IN-DORM STUDY SPACES**

Whereas, Both rectors and students have expressed a desire to use in-dorm study spaces for convenience and to avoid crowded study areas located throughout campus;

Whereas, Residence Life has released plans that will create four new dorms (two male, two female) in the next four years to account for over crowding and will consequently allow current rooms to be converted back into study spaces;

Whereas, Students have expressed a desire to influence the set-up and purpose of these study rooms through comment cards placed in the current study rooms;

Whereas, Students have expressed the desire to use study spaces as individual and group study spaces, and for these spaces to be silent spaces and talking permitted spaces respectively;


Whereas, There is a consensus amongst almost all respondents to the survey that additional lighting and outlets are needed in study rooms;

Whereas, Many students disliked cubicles/carrels and felt most of the couches needed to be replaced; and,

Whereas, Many students feel the environment of the in-dorm study spaces is less comfortable than others around campus and could be improved with brightly painted walls, common interest decorations, complimentary food or drink, and white boards; Therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the Student Senate recommends there be at least two study spaces in every dorm, one talking and one silent, and for these spaces to be labeled accordingly <sup>that</sup> ~~be taken into account~~ when conversion occurs; and,

*Resolved*, That the Student Senate additionally supports the student request for a more study conducive environment in dorms, including more outlets, more lighting, new couches, complementary food or drink, white boards, and more aesthetically pleasing areas.

  
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