

Resolution 31-27

A Resolution Encouraging the Creation of a Room Occupancy Program or System for the Miller Learning Center Group Study Rooms

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WHEREAS, the Miller Learning Center (MLC) is a unique combination of library and instruction space, classrooms, and the best in campus computing and instructional support for faculty; and,

WHEREAS, there are currently 96 group study rooms located on floors two, three, and four of the MLC which are available on a first-come, first-served basis; and,

WHEREAS, the rooms are in high demand for use all year round for tasks such as studying, working on group projects, and meeting with peers; and,

WHEREAS, in a survey of 907 students, 97.24% reported utilizing the MLC group study rooms; and,

WHEREAS, 70.31% of survey respondents reported having spent fifteen to twenty-five minutes looking for an open group study room, and 37.86% reported having spent over twenty-five minutes looking for an open group study room;¹ and,

WHEREAS, 87.87% of survey respondents reported leaving the MLC because they could not find an open group study room;¹ and,

WHEREAS, 95.92% of survey respondents reported that an application or program displaying group study room occupancy would be beneficial;¹ and,

¹ Mercurio, Qualtrics, 2019

WHEREAS, 96.36% of survey respondents reported that they would use an application or program displaying group study room occupancy; and,

WHEREAS, Enterprise Information Technology Services (EITS), who plays a large part of the programming and maintenance of the UGA app, has expressed interest in creating a program to display MLC room occupancy status.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 31st administration of the Student Government Association, on behalf of the student body of the University of Georgia, encourages the Miller Learning Center, in conjunction with EITS and SGA, to work towards implementing a solution that will gather and report in real-time – via a website or app - the occupancy status of group study rooms in the Miller Learning Center.

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