Extend Hours of Operation for Goergen Athletic Center
Senate Resolution No. 32

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WHEREAS, compared to its peer institutions¹, University of Rochester operates below average for number of hours of operation of its athletic center on Mondays through Thursdays, on Fridays, and the total number per week, while being roughly average on Saturdays and above average on Sundays; and,

WHEREAS, there already exist a number of locations on this campus that have student employees work extended hours, including, but not limited to: Rush Rhees Library, Hillside Market, Wilson Commons, and the IT Center; and,

WHEREAS, out of 113 respondents to an online survey, 86.8% said they would like Goergen Athletic Center to be open later at least part of the time and 27.4% said they would like Goergen Athletic Center to be open earlier at least part of the time, compared to only 9.7% who responded that all current hours of operation are adequate; and,

WHEREAS, 92.9% of respondents to the aforementioned online survey claimed that they either definitely would or potentially would use Goergen Athletic Center more often if it were open for extended hours; and,

WHEREAS, the equipment and resources provided at Goergen Athletic Center are not provided anywhere else on or near campus free of charge (as the Athletic Center is to all University of Rochester students) when Goergen is closed; and,

¹ More data can be found here.
WHEREAS, the Department of Athletics and Recreation's Mission Statement states, "The Department of Athletics and Recreation strives to provide adaptive, high quality, student-oriented programs to meet the educational needs and recreational interests of the members of the University community"; and,

WHEREAS, an extension of hours of operation would be both adaptive and student-oriented,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the University of Rochester Students' Association Senate recommends that the hours of operation be extended to 6:30am to at least 12:00am on weekdays (Monday through Friday), as per student feedback from the online survey; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the University of Rochester Students' Association Senate directs the Executive Branch to advocate for the extension of hours of operation for the Goergen Athletic Center.

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Senate Votes: Yes: 13 No: 0 Abs: 3 Date: 02/29/2016