Designation of Quiet Areas Within Libraries
Senate Resolution No. 25

SUBMITTED BY: Juan Pablo Castaño, Senator
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ENDORSED BY: Students’ Association Academic Affairs Committee

WHEREAS, the University of Rochester River Campus lacks a sufficient number of designated quiet spaces in its libraries,

WHEREAS, the designation of quiet spaces would minimize distractions and thus maximize students’ productivity and ability to focus while studying, resulting in enhanced academic experience and performance,

WHEREAS, adequate alternative study spaces exist for students who wish to engage in interactive studying; for example, Gleason Library, Rettner Hall, Carlson Library, Bridge Lounge and Starbucks,

WHEREAS, multiple live and online surveys demonstrate that a majority of students express the desire for designated quiet areas in the library, specifically the Periodical Reading Room, the Welles Brown Room, and floors 400m, 500, and 500m of the Old Stacks,

WHEREAS, a designated quiet area is defined as an area available to students who prefer to work in an environment with minimal to no conversation or noise distractions,

WHEREAS, the designation of quiet areas can be achieved by the installation of signage, such as plaques located at the entrances of the designated areas, labels in elevators, or labels situated on each table, which requires a minimal effort on part of administration,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the University of Rochester Students’ Association Senate directs the Executive Branch to advocate for the designation of the following spaces as Quiet Areas: the Periodical Reading Room, the Welles Brown Room, and floors 400m, 500, and 500m of the Old Stacks.
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Senate Votes: Yes: 14  No: 0  Abs: 0  Date: 11/10/2015