Resolution 8-10-S

A resolution to require the James E. Walker Library to begin to determine the need and feasibility of 24 hour operations through surveys and a trial run in the Spring 2010 semester.

WHEREAS: The top change to the operation of the James E. Walker Library desired by students, as reported to members of the Academic Affairs Committee, is to have the library open 24 hours.

WHEREAS: President McPhee's stated direction for MTSU is to have it recognized as a top academic university.

WHEREAS: Having a library that is open 24 hours would serve to differentiate the university out from competitors when promoting MTSU as a top academic university.

WHEREAS: The extent of the desire within the student body for a 24 hour library will be most effectively determined by a trial run of 24 hour operations and continued survey of the potential usage by students.

WHEREAS: The desire to take advantage of a 24 hour operation of the library will likely be most notable during midterms and finals.

WHEREAS: Any request by students to enhance their abilities to perform their academic work is a top priority item for the university as evidenced by its mission and the direction established by President McPhee.

WHEREAS: A verbal commitment from Dean Donald Craig of Library Services has been obtained, pending approval of funding from Administration for additional staffing during the overnight shifts.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED BY THE 72nd CONGRESS OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF MTSU THAT:

Section 1: The James E. Walker Library shall be open from 7:30 a.m. on Thursday April 29th to 5 p.m. Friday April 30th. The James E. Walker Library shall be open from 1 p.m. Sunday May 2nd to 1 a.m. Thursday May 6th.

Sponsored by: Senator Thomas

[Signatures]
Speaker of the Senate  SGA President  VP of Student Affairs
TO: Dr. Diane Miller
   Interim Executive Vice President and Provost

   Mr. Don Craig, Dean
   James E. Walker Library

FROM: Debra Sells, Ed.D.
      Vice President for Student Affairs and
      Vice Provost for Enrollment and Academic Services

RE: SGA Resolution 8-10-S

DATE: March 25, 2010

I am forwarding the attached legislation requesting that the James E. Walker Library be open
twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week for the period of time that includes mid-term and
final exams. The legislation acknowledges that this may not be possible due to funding issues.

I understand that there are likely other issues and concerns that may prohibit its implementation,
but I am required, per the SGA Constitution, to forward this legislation to the appropriate
department/individual for a response

We generally ask the appropriate individuals to provide some timely response to SGA
legislation. In the immediate instance, I believe it would be appropriate for you to review the
SGA’s recommendation and provide a response within 30 days. Please contact Brandon
McNary, SGA President, or Dr. Gene Fitch if you have any questions regarding this legislation.

c: Mr. Brandon McNary
   Ms. Heather Rawson
   Ms. Sarah Ayache
   Mr. Patrick Mertes
   Dr. Gene Fitch