

Library Hours Resolution - April 27, 2006

For the past few administrations Student Government has sought to extend library hours in order to afford students a better academic environment in which to study. While the McKelvey Campus Center is open until 2am it is not a venue conducive to rigorous academic endeavors. The McGill Library, as the main library on campus, is the academic nerve center on campus providing access to numerous publications, microfilm, and archival records not to mention the volumes of books. Therefore:

Whereas, according to the Mission Statement of the College: “The mission of Westminster College is to help men and women develop competencies, commitments, and characteristics which have distinguished human beings at their best. The liberal arts tradition is the foundation of the curriculum continually designed to serve this mission in a rapidly changing world.”

Whereas a Liberal Arts Education can be defined as “studies intended to provide general knowledge and intellectual skills (rather than occupational or professional skills)”

Whereas it is the duty of Westminster College to provide the necessary academic environment for superior scholarship

Whereas students have requested extended hours

Whereas a significant portion of our comparison schools surpass our hours of operation

Whereas the Library has resources that students can use only while in the confines of the building

Whereas students need quiet places to study

Whereas McGill, with its large collection of resources provides the best environment, thereby transcending a “Study Hall”

Whereas the McGill Library is the most important academic building on this campus for a majority of students.

Whereas McGill is considered the “Mind, Heart, and Soul” of the campus

Whereas McGill is “the main library, (and) houses material on the fine arts, humanities, and social sciences.” Thereby being central to a majority of students’ curriculums

Whereas students will utilize the resources if the library is open longer

The Student Government Association of Westminster College Resolves on this day Thursday April 27, 2006 that Library Hours at McGill Library should be increased by 9

hours a week. Our recommendation is that the structure shall be extending operating hours until 12am M-R and extending hours from 5pm to 8pm on Saturdays and finally from on Sunday open from 12pm to 12 am.