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Institutional Affairs Team Motion

For consideration at March 14, 2014 FGCU Faculty Senate meeting:

Background: In early November, 2013, concerns came to the Full Senate by a Senator related to student congestion in Merwin Hall. The Officers of Senate noted that this would be an item for the Institutional Affairs Team to examine and the concern was forwarded to the IAT. Over the past 2 years, The IAT has been evaluating and encouraging decision makes to remediate inadequate furniture in the hallways of academic buildings. The work has included conversations with Student Government and the Physical plant in regards to funding to remediate the situation.

Concurrently, a PBC subcommittee has been working on furniture replacement guidelines. These guidelines were recently shared with the IAT through Senate President Shawn Felton.

MOTION for consideration:

The FGCU Senate supports the work and recent document approved by the PBC by FGCU's Physical Space Coding Assessment Committee's (PSCAC) related to furniture replacement guidelines. However this document only addressed furniture *replacement*.

Whereas, several academic buildings (Reed, Whitaker, Ben Hill Griffin, Merwin and the 4th Floor of the Library) have never had adequate seating in the hallways.

Therefore, the Senate's IAT moves that FGCU Faculty Senate requests that funding is secured from all available sources to acquire furniture (benches) for the common areas, (especially hallways) for the spaces identified and that furniture be installed as soon as possible