The Wells Library Prayer Room Resolution

Whereas, the Indiana University Mission Statement proclaims it is committed to “culturally diverse and international educational programs and committees”;

Whereas, Indiana University’s Office of the Vice President of Diversity, Equity, and Multicultural Affairs aims to “serve as an advocate to replace obstacles with opportunities, so that minority and underrepresented students, faculty, and staff find a sense of belonging at IU”;

Whereas, Indiana University prides itself on its diverse communities, including but not limited to those defined by race, ethnicity, sex, age, ability, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity;

Whereas, students often require private spaces to conduct religious observances and spiritual reflection;

Whereas, spaces like the one listed above are readily available for students at well over a dozen institutions of higher education;

Whereas; IU has already dedicated one space for quiet reflection and prayer one located within the Indiana University Memorial Union Student Tower;

Whereas, the space in the Student Tower is not always easily accessible and opening other spaces on campus would accommodate more students, faculty, and staff throughout the day;

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Therefore, be it resolved by the Graduate and Professional Student Government Assembly that –

(1) Indiana University administration, in conjunction with Wells Library administration, provide an interfaith prayer space for students, faculty, and staff, who find themselves in need of spiritual reflection or religious observance throughout the day.

Respectfully submitted to and passed by the Graduate and Professional Student Government Assembly on this 3rd day of February, 2017.

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GPSG President                      Date

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