

December 8, 2015

Kenneth Swalagin
University Senate
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
ASB III, Suite 110
Cook/Douglass Campus

Dear Mr. Swalagin:

I have been asked by Chancellor Phoebe Haddon to respond to Charge S-1210, Early Open Study Space, as proposed by the Senate Student Affairs Committee on behalf of the University Senate.

As you are aware, Rutgers University – Camden is largely a commuter campus, and our student affairs staff, campus leadership and student leaders are regularly getting feedback from our students on the hours and services that they are requesting. Hours and services are adjusted based on student feedback and survey responses. Many offices are open at least two evenings per week, and many others are open more than that. The Recreation center and Campus Center hours were both expanded based on student requests, survey responses and feedback in the last two years in order to accommodate the usage requirements of our students.

Rutgers University – Camden has been working with students and student leaders for the past several years on providing spaces for students to study and work together. Based on student feedback, renovations were completed this past year on the second floor of the Paul Robeson Library to include reservable study rooms, new more comfortable furniture, rooms with technology to allow students to create and practice presentations and work in small groups with technology as needed, quiet and not so quiet study spaces. In addition, the computer labs were consolidated into the first floor of the Library with newly renovated space, new computers and furniture that allows students to spread out and do their computer work.

Both library spaces and the campus center have been monitored for student usage and feedback is obtained from students and student leaders on interest in expanding hours for these spaces on a regular basis.

Separately from New Brunswick students, our students were not requesting earlier hours, but expanded weekend hours. In our most recent survey of students and feedback from student leaders, expanding the library and computer lab hours on Sundays was the request from the students. These expanded hours were implemented in November will be studied throughout the academic year.

The Student Government, student surveys and student feedback will continue to be monitored to insure that we are considering additional expanded hours as requested by our students.



Should we receive additional requests, we will review the feasibility of opening and report back to your committee.

Thank you to the committee for their continued work on behalf of all of our students at Rutgers University - Camden.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Beth Daisey".

Mary Beth Daisey
Associate Chancellor for Student Affairs

Cc: Phoebe L. Haddon, Chancellor, Rutgers University - Camden
Barbara A. Lee, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs