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Student Assembly R. 50: Back to Africana

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- 1 Whereas, The Africana Library is the only Library on North Campus.
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3 Whereas, approximately 5,000-6,000 undergraduate and graduate students live on North
4 Campus and would benefit from a Library open during later hours.
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6 Whereas, Africana Library created a survey that asked over 140 students if they would benefit
7 from Africana Library extending their hours.
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9 Whereas, the majority of students responded to they survey that they would greatly benefit
10 from extended library hours.
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12 Whereas, we created a video with Slope Media that promoted participation in the survey as
13 well as increased awareness of the location and current hours of Africana Library.
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15 Whereas, The Graduate Field of Africana Studies at Cornell University established the first
16 Ph.D. program in Africana Studies in New York State, beginning in the Fall 2014, therefore
17 increasing the demand for time and space of a library in North Campus.
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19 Whereas, the Africana Library took into consideration our video, meetings and the results of
20 their survey by extending the library hours on a temporary basis for Sundays during the Spring
21 2014 semester from 4pm-11pm to 12pm-11pm for the calendar year.
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23 Be it therefore resolved, the SA recommends that Africana Library continues extended hours
24 for the calendar year and keeps the possibility of extending future hours during the weekdays.
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26 Respectfully Submitted,
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29 College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Representative
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31 Thaddeus Talbot'15
32 Minority Student Liaison at Large