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**For consideration at Jan 29th, 2016 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. Since 2011, The IAT has been evaluating and encouraging decision-makers to remediate inadequate furniture in the hallways of academic buildings. The work has included conversations with Student Government and the Director of Facilities Planning in regards to funding to remediate the situation.

During the 2014-2015 Academic year, a number of benches were placed in several of the academic buildings, yet more are still needed.

**MOTION for consideration:**

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

**And, whereas** hallways and alcoves are critical areas for students to be able to congregate for working with each other, and wait for class sessions to begin,

**Therefore**, we move that FGCU Faculty Senate requests that funding is secured from all available sources to acquire more furniture (benches) for the common areas, (especially hallways) and alcoves (indoor and outdoor) in the Academic areas on campus as soon as possible and that furniture be installed as soon as possible.