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A Resolution to Express Support for a University-wide Makerspace in the Hendrix Student Center

Purpose: To express Undergraduate Student Senate support for the creation of a makerspace within the Hendrix Student Center bookstore space.

Whereas, a makerspace, as a place where people gather to innovate, create, and design together, provides a collaborative, inclusive, and well-resourced environment for learning and developing skills, and

Whereas, multiple small spaces across campus are unable to provide sufficient opportunities for collaboration, in turn posing safety concerns, and

Whereas, the Clemson University Makerspace, located in the Watt Center (600 sq ft), yielded on average 170 visits per week from a total of 31 majors in the Spring semester of 2017 and shows the impact that a makerspace can have when founded and run by students, and

Whereas, Clemson University peer institutions and US News & World Report Top-20 Universities such as Purdue University, Georgia Institute of Technology, University of California, Berkeley, and Stanford University all have large, centralized makerspaces ranging from 5,000 sq ft to 50,000 sq ft, and

Whereas, a makerspace in the Hendrix Student Center will serve strongly in support of the Clemson Strategic Plan and its components of Research, Engagement, Academic Core, and Living (REAL), and

Whereas, this space will support The Center for Career and Professional Development’s Core Competencies initiative and the Office of Research Safety operating standards, and

Whereas, the Network for Innovation and Marketable Skills (NIMS) has proposed the creation of a makerspace within the Hendrix Student Center bookstore space and has garnered the support of dozens of faculty and hundreds of students, and

Whereas, Clemson Undergraduate Student Government, as the voice of graduate students, has a vested interest in expressing their desire for how space is allocated on campus, and

Whereas, a makerspace in the Hendrix Student Center will advance the interests of students and enable the University to better compete in the realm of creativity, design, innovation, and entrepreneurship.
Therefore, Be it Resolved by the Clemson Graduate Student Senate assembled in regular session the following:

That the Clemson Graduate Student Senate supports the “Proposal for a Common Makerspace: A Space for Collaborating, Innovating, and Making.”

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Aury Kangelos, President of the Senate  
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