

Electrical Outlet Proposal

Situation

- In the library
- Working on an important assignment
- Your laptop is low on battery
- No outlets nearby or all outlets are being used
- Time you can work on the assignment ends up being cut short
- This can happen to any student who spends time working in the library



The Problem

Factors:

- Students increasingly need to charge laptops and other electronics
- Fourth floor of the library, known as the Spartan Floor, is a quiet place to work
- Very few electrical outlets on the fourth floor of the library

Outcome:

- The electrical needs of students working and studying on the fourth floor of the library are not being met



- Every desk on the fourth floor has a cutout for an electrical outlet
- Most are empty
- Many of the outlets that are installed are not functional

Why it Matters

- Many SJSU students rely on the King library as a place to get work done without distraction
- By meeting the demand for electrical outlets, students would be able to work on their computers as long as is needed
 - One less thing for students to worry about
- SJSU has a responsibility to meet the basic technological needs of students
- In the Fall 2014 edition of *Academic Gateway*, Ruth Kifer, SJSU Library Dean, stated that “to prepare for the 2014–2015 academic year, the SJSU library continues to develop high-quality services and collections while remaining **current with library trends and technology to better serve San José State University students and faculty.**”

Source: “Academic Gateway” *King Library*. King Library, 2014. Web. 23 Nov. 2015
<https://library.sjsu.edu/files/documents/academic_news_2014_Fall.pdf>.

Solution

- SJSU needs to install an electrical outlet at every desk with a cutout for one on the fourth floor of the library
- Every electrical outlet at a desk needs to be functional

To get the attention of SJSU:

- Start petition with SJSU students
- Petition could be setup on change.org website

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Works Cited

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