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## **Multi-Purpose Study & Presentation Space Opens on Library's Fifth Floor**

**BOCA RATON, Fla. (June 2, 2017)** — Looking for a trendy hot spot on Florida Atlantic University's campus to study, collaborate or share your work? Try the fifth floor of the Wimberly Library where a sleek new multi-purpose study lounge and presentation space recently opened for students, faculty and staff.

The lounge is designed in all FAU colors and features a variety of high quality faux leather chairs, really cool tables, natural light, extensive access to power and Wi-Fi throughout. If you enjoy studying with others while being socially connected or if you prefer working alone, you will find your spot on the fifth floor.

The study and presentation space was completed in May and comes less than a year after FAU Libraries and the University Club of the FAU Foundation opened a graduate student study lounge on Wimberly Library's second floor. Both lounges were repurposed from under-utilized office or lecture/entertainment space and designated as spaces for students by Carol Hixson, who joined FAU in August 2015 as Dean of University Libraries.

"We are taking what money we can find and are using it to create spaces that are more inviting, functional and conducive for our students," said Hixson, whose goal is to help increase FAU's student success, retention and graduation rates. "The Libraries and everyone in them are here first and foremost to help the students of this university succeed." She also noted, "One of our basic design principles is to develop spaces that can be utilized in more than one way. The fifth floor furnishings are designed to be folded up so that the room can also be utilized for lectures and presentations."

During May's soft opening of the floor, Hixson kicked off her "Thank you for 5<sup>th</sup>" campaign by asking everyone to thank FAU President John Kelly for allocating money for the space. Options: Write a "Thank You" card in the lounge and leave it in the box on the reception table. Or, take a selfie at your favorite lounge spot and tweet "Best Selfie Ever. Thank you President John Kelly" to @FAURef with hashtags #FAU #Wimberly5FAU and #FAUlib5floors.

Or, you can email your selfie and message to “Best Selfie Ever. Thank you President John Kelly” to [librariespr@fau.edu](mailto:librariespr@fau.edu).

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