

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2020-2015

TITLE: Resolution Advocating for the Adoption and Implementation of the Good Food Purchasing Program

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WHEREAS, the University of Florida entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with Partnership for a Healthier America (PHA) in November 2018; and,

WHEREAS, as a PHA Healthier Campus Initiative Partner (HCI), the University of Florida has committed to implementing 23 guidelines related to food & nutrition, physical activity/movement, and programming; and,

WHEREAS, one of the PHA food & nutrition guidelines is to implement a local food procurement program to increase procurement of local and sustainable foods; and,

WHEREAS, the University of Florida PHA HCI Steering Committee has recommended the implementation of the Good Food Purchasing Program to meet the PHA food & nutrition guideline regarding local food procurement programs; and,

WHEREAS, the Good Food Purchasing Program provides a metric-based, flexible framework to promote greater transparency and accountability in public food procurement; and,

WHEREAS, the Good Food Purchasing Program is based on five core values of local economies, health, valued workforce, animal welfare, and environmental sustainability; and,

WHEREAS, Alachua County Schools committed to the Good Food Purchasing Program and began their initial assessment in Spring 2020; and,

WHEREAS, the University of Florida has the opportunity to make a significant impact on local food procurement and sustainability through the adoption and implementation of the Good Purchasing Program; then,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes the importance of adopting and implementing the Good Food Purchasing Program.

THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate encourages the Division of Business Services to investigate the adoption and implementation of the Good Food Purchasing Program at the University of Florida.

THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate urges the Division of Business Services to incorporate local food procurement standards as established by the Good Food Purchasing Program in future food service contracts.

Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to University of Florida President W. Kent Fuchs, Vice President of Business Affairs Curtis Reynolds, Associate Vice President of Business Affairs Craig Hill, Assistant Vice President of Business Affairs Eddie Daniels, Vice President of Student Affairs D'Andra Mull, Assistant Vice President for Student Engagement Nancy Chrystal-Green, Senior Director of Recreation & Health Promotion Services David Bowles, Director for Fitness & Wellness Darcie Burde, Associate Professor Dr. Anne Matthews, and Doctoral Candidate in the Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition Megan Engel.