

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2021-1049

TITLE: Resolution to Condemn the Recent Sexual Assault Occurrences Within Reitz Union

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WHEREAS, It is the case that on Sunday, November 14, 2021 a student was sexually assaulted in the Reitz Union Food Court [1]; and,

WHEREAS, A person was capable of publicly masturbating in the Reitz Union Food Court; and,

WHEREAS, This space has been deemed unsafe by such a student experience; and,

WHEREAS, Attention should be called to the lack of security cameras in such a secluded area leading for continuation and potentiality of such situations; and,

WHEREAS, Student Government has the capability to provide solutions to assist in the prevention of such incidents from continuing; and,

WHEREAS, The Student Government here at the University of Florida has multiple recorded resolutions in support of sexual assault prevention and resource initiatives [2]; and,

WHEREAS, The Student Government at the University of Florida already allocates funds from the Activity and Service Fees towards the J. Wayne Reitz Union [3]; and,

WHEREAS, Student Body President Cooper Brown specified in Student Senate Bill 2021-1031 an allocation of \$45,000 to Reitz Union Security Cameras and People Counters [4]; so,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes the importance in safety protocol and responsiveness to sexual assault both on and off campus.

THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes a need for better security initiatives and preventative measures to provide safety from crime in the Reitz Union.

THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes the need for increased surveillance through both additional personnel and staff as well as the addition of quality security cameras both inside and surrounding Reitz Union.

Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to the J. Wayne Reitz Union Board of Managers, University of Florida President Kent Fuchs, Vice President of Student Affairs D'Andra Mull, Vice President for Human Resources Jodi Gentry

[1] <https://www.alligator.org/article/2021/11/uf-sophomore-details-sexual-violence-at-reitz-union>

[2] <https://sg.ufl.edu/branches/legislative/senate-resources/>

[3] <https://sg.ufl.edu/about/sg-finance/>

[4] <https://sg.ufl.edu/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/2021-1031-Allocation-of-Reserves-for-Projects-within-the-Reitz-Union-.pdf>