

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2022-1034

TITLE: Resolution Welcoming Dr. Heather White as the New Vice President for Student Life

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WHEREAS, the University of Florida Division of Student Life creates an enriching university environment and excellent student experience that prepares students to engage, transform, and thrive in an evolving global community [1]; and,

WHEREAS, the Division of Student Life supports all students at the University of Florida by creating a unique student experience that demarcates the University of Florida degree and promotes opportunities for student engagement and discovery, resulting in citizens who excel in an intricate global society [2]; and,

WHEREAS, the Division of Student Life takes pride in piloting the University of Florida's student engagement outside of the classroom that prepares students to grow as leaders and learners [2]; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Heather White, former Associate Vice President for Student Life and Dean of Students, has been named the new Vice President for Student Life at the University of Florida [3]; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. White has previously served as Director of UF's Career Resource Center, and before that worked in Housing and Residence Life at Valdosta State University and Jacksonville University [3]; and,

WHEREAS, after receiving an undergraduate degree in Psychology from Troy University, she earned a Master's degree in Counselor Education from Mississippi State University and continued on to earn a Ed.D. in Educational Leadership from the University of North Florida [3]; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. White will begin her new role as Vice President of Student Life on September 1, 2022, leading in creating a dynamic and healthy student environment that empowers students to achieve success [3]; then,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes the value of the Division of Student Life to every student at the University of Florida.

THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes that dedicated leadership of the Division of Student Life is integral to the student experience at the University of Florida.

THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate enthusiastically welcomes Dr. Heather White as the new Vice President of Student Life.

Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to University of Florida President W. Kent Fuchs, incoming Vice President of Student Life Dr. Heather White, and Provost Joseph Glover.

[1] <https://studentlife.ufl.edu/about/>

[2] <https://studentlife.ufl.edu/strategic-plan/>

[3] <https://news.ufl.edu/2022/07/vp-of-student-life/>