

Student Senate

3000 J. Wayne Reitz Union
PO Box 118505
Gainesville, FL 32611
352-392-1665

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2022-1062

TITLE: Resolution Supporting the Food Insecurity Task Force Collaboration with the Alan & Cathy Hitchcock Field & Fork Pantry

AUTHOR(S): Senate President Olivia Green

SPONSORS: Student Body Vice President Daniel Badell, Senate President Pro-Tempore Catherine Giordano, Judiciary Chairman Sean Harkins, Budget & Appropriations Chairwoman Emily Pecora, Rules & Ethics Chairwoman Lilliana Clark, Information & Communications Chairwoman Phoebe Funai, Member-at-Large Mara Vaknin, Member-at-Large Ana Carolina Troncoso, Senator Jacob Kanfer, Senator Julia Seifer, Senator Brendan Kligerman, Senator Clayton Bush, Senator Garrett Josephson, Senator Bianca Barrios, Senator Nyla Pierre, Senator Shelby Schultz, Senator Viridiana Lopez-Lugo, Minority Party Leader Faith Corbett, Senator Hana Ali, Senator Joaquin Rafaele Cecilia Marcelino, Senator Navya Nair, Senator Connor Panish, Senator Evan Rafanan, Senator Jonathan C. Stephens, Senator Jorge Perez, Senator Mohammed Faisal, Senator Mireya Abrucia, Deputy Minority Party Leader Gabriela Montes

WHEREAS, The Alan & Cathy Hitchcock Field & Fork Pantry is an on-campus space, created in 2015, where students can go to get free meals using their Gator 1 Card [1]; and,

WHEREAS, Food insecurity is defined as a situation where consistent access to adequate food is limited by a lack of money and other resources; and,

WHEREAS, Hunger and food insecurity is a growing problem within our campus community; and,

WHEREAS, As a college education becomes increasingly expensive, more students are being forced to live near or below the poverty level; and,

WHEREAS, A recent survey found that 850 UF students visit the Field and Fork Food Pantry every week here at the University of Florida [2]; and,

WHEREAS, As a campus community, we have a responsibility to help students who are in need of assistance; and,

WHEREAS, This problem has recently prompted many other campuses to establish food pantries to help students in need; and,

WHEREAS, The Food Insecurity Task Force was created to combat this issue of food insecurity and create initiative solutions to allow more accessibility to the Hitchcock Field & Fork Pantry; and,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, the University of Florida Student Senate supports the efforts of the Food Insecurity Task Force in assisting the Field and Fork Food Pantry at the University of Florida; and,

THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED, the University of Florida Student Senate Commits to providing support to the campus food pantry and the Food Insecurity Task Force; and,

THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED, the University of Florida Student Senate encourages students, faculty, and staff to continue to support the campus food pantry and urge for more awareness around the opportunities that the facility offers.

Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to University President Kent Fuchs, Vice President of Student Life Heather White, Student Body President Lauren Lemasters, Student Body Vice President Daniel Badell, Student Body Treasurer Sierra Kantamneni, First Generation Affairs Cabinet Director Angelina Del Toro, Director of Legislative Affairs Anthony Valenzuela, Food Insecurity Task Force, Finance & Affordability Cabinet Director Gianmarco Rodriguez

[1] <https://pantry.fieldandfork.ufl.edu/>

[2] <https://studentlife.ufl.edu/2022/02/16/field-fork-pantry-recognized-for-efforts-against-food-insecurity/>



Olivia Green
Senate President

11/17/22
Date