

**STUDENT SENATE BILL 2023-1007**

**TITLE: Resolution Advocating for the Addition of Discriminatory Acts as an Official Violation to the Orange Book Conduct Code Sections**

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**WHEREAS**, Regulation 4.040, the “Student Honor Code and Student Conduct Code”, also recognized as “The Orange Book,” was developed in order to establish a higher standard of conduct for the student body, focusing on various facets of respect [1]; and,

**WHEREAS**, Regulation 1.006, also known as the “Non-Discrimination/Harassment/Invasion of Privacy Policies,” serves to “promote equal opportunity policies conforming to laws against discrimination” [3]; and,

**WHEREAS**, within the Fall 2022 semester alone, the University of Florida and even Gainesville have seen an increase in the number of hate crimes committed, including but not limited to: the vandalism of the National Pan-Hellenic Council Garden, the spread of flyers containing anti-semitic messages, and the vandalization of the Pride Community Center and a local Planned Parenthood [2]; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Orange Book is the text that outlines expectation for students and resources for accountability measures, it is important for the University of Florida to provide a text that is conducive of safety and comfortability of students in their living, learning, and leading environments [1]; and,

**WHEREAS**, and as of now, The Orange Book solely references Regulation 1.006(4), which solely covers *Invasion of Privacy* [1]; and,

**WHEREAS**, in their present state, the Orange Book Codes do not contain specific mention of policies regarding Non-Discrimination [1]; and,

**WHEREAS**, by codifying these expectations and accountability measures, students can utilize the newly amended Student Conduct Code that makes Regulation 1.006 an officially recognized violation to prioritize their own individual safety as well as the safety of those around them; and,

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT** the University of Florida Student Senate advocates for Regulation 4.040 of the University of Florida be amended to include Regulation 1.006’s details on Discriminatory Acts as an official Violation of the Student Conduct Code; and,

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE FINALLY RESOLVED THAT** the University of Florida Student Senate advocates for the verbiage of said Regulation to be included within a section such as the Disruptive Conduct Section, stating verbiage similar or exact to the following statement:

“Violation of the Anti-Discrimination Regulation, University of Florida Regulation 1.006 outlining the prohibition of ‘discrimination on the basis of: race, creed, color, religion, age, disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, marital status, national origin, political opinions or affiliations, genetic information and veteran status as protected under the Vietnam Era Veterans’ Readjustment Assistance Act.”

*Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to University of Florida Interim Dean of Student Jonathan Yorkowitz, University of Florida Vice-President of Student Life Heather White, and Assistant Dean & Director Of SCCR Pamela Malyk.*

[1] - <https://housing.ufl.edu/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/The-Orange-Book-Web.pdf>

[2] - <https://www.alligator.org/article/2022/11/gainesville-hate-crimes>

[3] - <https://regulations.ufl.edu/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/1006.pdf>