

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2023-1128

TITLE: Resolution Addressing the Need for Physical Directories to Essential Locations on Campus

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WHEREAS, the University of Florida has a population of 55,781 students [1], many of whom live on campus or in surrounding areas of Gainesville. The University of Florida campus, encompassing 22 acres of land [2], includes a center of campus activities and classrooms, alongside spaced out infrastructure and bus routes for facilitated transportation. On top of foot traffic from a large student population, the vast size of this university may be especially confusing for freshman or visitors when trying to find their way around; and,

WHEREAS, the University of Florida has an extensive online campus map [3], including many important locations, resources, and transportation services. This is including, but not limited to, dining services, residence halls, libraries, gyms, and academic resource centers; and,

WHEREAS, much like a general directory at a mall, creating a physical form of this map in various locations around campus would facilitate safer and clearer navigation from one place to another. This is especially relevant in situations where individuals may not have access to the internet, nor an individual paper copy of the campus map.

WHEREAS, to optimize campus safety, physical directories of popular destinations on campus will encourage people to be more mindful and attentive while walking, not looking down at their phones, especially during times of day with heavy foot traffic or in poorly lit areas at night; and,

WHEREAS, these physical directories should be constructed in areas with high student engagement, such as campus gyms, libraries, Turlington Plaza, the J. Wayne Reitz Union, Plaza of the Americas, and the Hub (next to the bus stop). Freshmen and visitors, who may need extra assistance navigating, often utilize these spaces, as well; and,

WHEREAS, the directories should be implemented by June of 2024 for new students to use as a navigation resource; and,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes the need for physical directories on campus to help with navigation.

THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate encourages UF administration to implement this resource for students and visitors.

Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to University of Florida President Ben Sasse, Interim Provost Scott Angle, Chief Information Officer Elias Eldayrie, the UF Graphic Design Department, and appropriate university departments responsible for implementing navigation services.

[1] <https://www.univstats.com/colleges/university-of-florida/student-population/>

[2] <https://www.usnews.com/best-colleges/university-of-florida-1535>

[3] <https://campusmap.ufl.edu/#/>


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