

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2023-1164

TITLE: Resolution Requesting Increased Accessibility of Football Tickets for Students

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WHEREAS, attending sporting events, such as football games, is an integral part of the university experience, fostering a sense of community and school spirit among students [1]; and,

WHEREAS, many students face financial constraints and challenges in acquiring tickets to football games, with limited availability making it difficult for many students to attend these events [2]; and,

WHEREAS, students' active participation in university events, including football games, is beneficial not only for their social experience but also for their overall well-being and connection to the institution [3]; and,

WHEREAS, ensuring greater accessibility to football tickets for students will lead to increased student engagement, school pride, and a stronger sense of belonging [4]; and,

WHEREAS, other universities have successfully implemented student-centric initiatives to enhance ticket accessibility and affordability [5]; and,

WHEREAS, fostering a strong connection between the university and its students through such initiatives can result in lasting positive effects for the entire institution, such as greater student success [6]; then,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes the importance of providing increased accessibility of football tickets for students at the university.

THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate encourages the university administration to explore and implement strategies to make football tickets more affordable and accessible to all enrolled students.

THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate suggests the allocation of a specific percentage of football tickets for each game to be reserved exclusively for students, ensuring a fair and equitable distribution process.

THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate calls upon the university to collaborate with student organizations and leaders to gather feedback and suggestions on improving ticket accessibility and affordability, ensuring that student voices are considered in decision-making processes.

Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to University of Florida President Ben Sasse, Vice President for Student Life Dr. Heather White, Interim Provost J. Scott Angle, Athletic Director Scott Stricklin, and Student Body President Olivia Green.

[1] <https://www.ccdaily.com/2022/05/how-athletics-benefit-your-college/>

[2] <https://floridagators.com/sports/2015/12/10/ students football .aspx>

[3] <https://nces.ed.gov/pubs95/web/95741.asp>

[4] <https://www.oecd.org/education/school/programmeforinternationalstudentassessmentpisa/33689437.pdf>

[5] <https://www.dailytarheel.com/article/2023/05/sports-student-ticket-policies-lottery-carolina-fever-onecard-go-heels>

[6] <https://www.insidehighered.com/blogs/higher-ed-gamma/8-steps-institutions-need-take-improve-student-success>