

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2023-1183

TITLE: Resolution Recognizing the Impacts and Future Needs of the Recreational Clubs and Organizations at the University of Florida

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WHEREAS, RecSports is a department at the University of Florida that “offers experiences that enrich the lives of the University of Florida community through excellence in facilities, fitness, sport, adventure and play” [1]; and,

WHEREAS, there are 50 student-run Sport Clubs that exist within RecSports, open to University of Florida students, staff, faculty, and spouses, that emphasize leadership, education, and service through sports [2]; and,

WHEREAS, University of Florida Sport Clubs log hundreds of hours of volunteering annually and Sport Club athletes logged over 6,300 hours of community service in the 2018-2019 school year alone [3]; and,

WHEREAS, in 2023, the University of Florida Women’s Club Flag Football were the champions of the inaugural season of the Women’s Collegiate Flag Football League [4]; and,

WHEREAS, in 2023, the University of Florida Wrestling Club saw Alfonso Vargas and Lauren Stone place first in the National Collegiate Wrestling Championships [5]; and,

WHEREAS, the University of Florida Men’s Water Polo Club was named the 2022 Florida Division Champions and took home first place at University of North Carolina Invitational this past spring [6]; and,

WHEREAS, University of Florida Sport Clubs and Sport Club athletes seek greater recognition for club achievements and individual accomplishments across events; and,

WHEREAS, University of Florida Sport Clubs and Sport Club athletes seek greater transparency within the funding model for sport clubs; and,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT the University of Florida Student Senate encourages the installation of a trophy case at Southwest Recreation Center to display the achievements of sports clubs and their athletes; and,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the University of Florida Student Senate encourages the creation of an “athlete of the week” program to highlight the feats of individual sport club athletes and their accomplishments in and out of sporting events; and,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE FINALLY RESOLVED THAT the University of Florida Student Senate encourages that the funding process for RecSports include updates given to sport clubs well in advance of slated changes and include sport club athletes within the funding process.

Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to Director of UF RecSports Laura Hall, UF Vice-President of Student Life Dr. Heather White, and Student Body Treasurer Nyla Pierre.

[1] - <https://umatter.ufl.edu/office/recreational-sports/#:~:text=The%20Department%20of%20Recreational%20Sports,leaders%2C%20and%20encouraging%20lifelong%20wellness.>

[2] - <https://recsports.ufl.edu/sports/sport-clubs/>

[3] - <https://recsports.ufl.edu/play-compete-and-serve-uf-sport-clubs-log-over-6300-community-service-hoursso-far/>

[4] - https://www.instagram.com/p/CrZlcy9uelC/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igshid=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==

[5] - https://www.instagram.com/p/Cpq4c33suEE/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igshid=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==

[6] - https://www.instagram.com/p/CrKJ6mDLUHp/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igshid=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==



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