

**STUDENT SENATE BILL 2023-1253**

**TITLE: Resolution Advocating for an Ongoing Laboratory Safety Glasses Donation Drive**

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**WHEREAS**, the University of Florida is committed to providing an inclusive and accessible educational environment for all students; and,

**WHEREAS**, all pre-health students, as well as many engineering students, are required to take at least one level of chemistry laboratory [1], which requires certain standards of lab safety glasses to even enter the laboratory space.

**WHEREAS**, this procedure is strictly enforced, as the UF Lab Manual notes that “eye protection shall be worn at all times when working with chemical, biological or radiological substances” [2]; and,

**WHEREAS**, some students may face financial constraints making it challenging to purchase necessary laboratory safety glasses, which must have side shields and conform to ANSI Z 87.1. [2], potentially limiting their ability to participate in mandatory laboratory coursework; and,

**WHEREAS**, the science department has the opportunity to facilitate the reuse of slightly used laboratory safety glasses, which may otherwise go to waste, by collecting and redistributing them to students in need; and,

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED** that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes the value of implementing a Chemistry Lab Glasses Donation Drive to provide slightly used laboratory safety glasses to students who may have difficulty obtaining them through other means;

**THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED** that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes the significance of fostering a supportive academic and social community among students, where those with resources can help those in need;

**THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED** that the University of Florida Student Senate encourages all relevant departments and student organizations to collaborate in organizing and promoting the Lab Safety Glasses Donation Drive, with the aim of enhancing laboratory safety, reducing financial barriers, and supporting the educational endeavors of all students.

*Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to the University of Florida's Chemistry Department Chair Dr. Lisa McElwee-White, the Health Affairs Student Government Cabinet Director Aneesh Chatrathi, Alpha Chi Sigma Fraternity President Morgan Fink, UF Chemistry Club, UF Fellows of Chemical Biology President Diana Stancic, Honors Pre-Health Advising Staff Advisor Meredith Beupre, the College of Public Health and Health Professions Advising Staff Freshman and Sophomore Advisors Tyler Brown, Rob Doyle, and Andrea Smith, and MEDLIFE (Medicine, Education, and Development for Low Income Families Everywhere).*

[1] <https://www.advising.ufl.edu/docs/PreHealthRequirements.pdf>

[2] <https://webfiles.ehs.ufl.edu/labsafe.pdf>